2020 Grievance Hearings

Wednesday, July 24, 2020 – 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Draft Minutes

Due to COVID-19, 2020 grievance hearings were held via Zoom or In-person in adherence with health guidlines for Tracy Hall. Zoom was available to the public during this hearing.

Present: Listers: Cheryl A. Lindberg (Chair), Pamela Smith, and Doug Wilberding; Contract Assessor: Spencer Potter (via Zoom); Administrative Clerk: Masaki Schuette; Town Attorney: Robert Fletcher (via Zoom).

Public: Linda Gray

Lindberg called the Grievance Hearing to order at 10:04 am. She introduced the Listers and mentioned the others in attendance. Linda Gray requested to give a prepared statement, but while the meeting is open to the public, the public may only attend.

Before the grievant presented their case, Lindberg explained the process of the hearing and also the process they could take next if they disagree with the Listers' decision, to be sent by letter on or before July 31, 2020.

Norwich Technology: Joel Stettenheim (via Zoom) and Troy McBride (via Zoom) presented their cases as follows:

Grievance #1 – Parcel ID# 70-009.000 (673 Union Village Road)
Norwich Technology told Listers that they do not have a grievance for assessed value; however, they believe that their solar array is exempt from municipal taxation based on the 2007 Town vote. They also read into the record the opinion from their Attorney Kimberly K. Hayden.

Grievance #2 – Parcel ID# 70-010.000 (635 US Route 5 North)
Norwich Technology told Listers that they do not have a grievance for assessed value; however, they believe that their solar array is exempt from municipal taxation based on the 2007 Town vote. They also read into the record the opinion from their Attorney Kimberly K. Hayden.

Smith **motioned** (2nd Wilberding) to adjourn the grievance hearing at 10:19 AM. **Vote was unanimous**.

Lindberg **moved** (2nd Smith) to move into deliberative session at 10:20 AM. **Vote was unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Lindberg, Chair

Board of Listers