

**Board of Assessment Appeals**  
Town of Lisbon Virtual Meeting  
Thursday March 11, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Steve Beck called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. with Kim Lang, Susan Hull, Gail Gwiazdowski, and Elaine Joseph present.

***Susan Hull motioned to accept the Agenda and Steve Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

***Susan Hull motioned to accepted the September 17, 2020 Minutes. Kim Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Gail Gwiazdowski asked the Board to consider the date that Appeals would be due next year. By law it is Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, but next year that falls on a Sunday with the next day a holiday President's Day. The Board could decide on the Appeals being due Friday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Board was also reminded that it will be a reevaluation year, with possibly more appeals.

### ***Appeals***

6:15 – The Stone Mill Foundation Trust

Ryan Leichsenring explained that the house is rented to the caretaker of the property and he is there to help preserve the property. His duties are outlined in the Lease. He cited a court judgement from Nov. 2, 2002 of a similar property in CT.

Trustee Christopher Glenney explained the work being done to preserve the property. Selective logging 10 acres every 2 years to develop a graduating forest. Selective plantings to encourage the return of native species to the area such as deer, turkey, beavers, quail, and other native animals.

Kim Lang asked if the property had trails that the public could enjoy the area. The answer was no it's to preserve the area.

With no further clarification questions, the appellants left the meeting.

### ***Deliberations***

Kim Lang stated that State Statute 12-88 states "rental properties shall not be exempt" and that the property in questions doesn't come close to be compared to an actively used Girl Scout Camp. It's comparing apples to oranges.

Steve Beck pointed out the last paragraph of the Connecticut Superior Court Case that was given by the appellant as evidence. State Statute 12-81 (7) stating that caretaker services in lieu of payment of rent by caretaker does not destroy the exemption.

It was finally decided that the Town Attorney should be consulted so that this same appeal doesn't come before the board again. It was decided that the BAA would meet on Monday March 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in order to further deliberate after the Town Attorney is consulted.

Steve Beck will take care of posting the Special Meeting notice with the Town Clerk and Kim Lang will email Tom Sparkman requesting advice from the Town Attorney.

Adjournment

***Kim Lang motioned to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. Steve Beck seconded, and the motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly Lang*

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ATTEST. LAURIE TIROCCHI, TOWN CLERK

*Maya Wakiy, Asst*