BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

<u>MINUTES</u> <u>SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021</u> <u>TOWN HALL, 1019 MAIN STREET, BRANFORD, CT</u>

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call: Clerk Doreen Denhardt, Members-Dennis Nardella, Jason Driscoll, Joseph Fazzino, Associate Assessor Celeste Fisher

Dennis reminded the Hearing Officers of their responsibilities and that they are not here to explain why a property owner's taxes are what they are, but to be presented with qualified evidence as to why the owner feels they need to be adjusted. He stressed the importance of reminding parties that they are being recorded we are representatives of the Town. Masks are required.

Celeste indicated that should anyone request, we have someone available to conduct property inspections, but they must agree to an interior inspection. We are mainly working with the 2019 Grand List.

Most hearings are in person. However, there are several telephone hearings and those property owners (or their representatives) were told to have all evidence physically in Town Hall prior to their scheduled hearing.

Dennis asked the Board members to adhere to the schedule as best as possible and to remain on task.

General discussion and questions between members ensued.

Dennis, Jason and Joe then took a seat in each of their respective hearing rooms as the first appointments were set for 5:15 pm.

The recordings of each of these Hearing Appointments, by Officer, can be accessed here at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/az9gn1l86izxj99/AAB5s33cX4Y22Llr1Cdu5N50a?dl=0

By unanimous consent, the meeting/hearings were adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Doreen Denhardt, Clerk