

December 19, 2022

## 2022 Year end meeting summary for City of Newport Tax Board of Appeal

### Members

Karen O'Brien Bernstein Chair

Paul Bernard

Paul Tobak

The tax board of appeals consists of 3 members. Two members represent a quorum. The city of Newport's tax assessor prepares the appeals filed by the appellants appealing their 2020 assessments. The assessor's office coordinates with the board for dates of the hearings. The tax assessor's office handles all correspondence of appeals, including correspondence with appellants, filings with the state for open meetings and minutes and decisions. The tax board holds its meetings at city hall or on zoom. Decisions of appeals are recorded on individual sheets. The decisions are available for review in the tax assessor's office filed by hearing and decision dates.

There were 110 cases. 8 were withdrawn by appellants. There were 16 denials not returned to the tax assessor. The tax board of appeal heard 83 appeals. The board approved 36 appeals. The board denied 47 appeals. The tax assessor approved 3 appeals not heard by the board. There were 8 meetings held for the fiscal year.

10/28/21 3rd floor city hall conference room

11/17/21 3rd floor city hall conference room

1/4/22 canceled

1/18 /22 new date for rescheduled meeting remote zoom meeting

1/19/22 Remote Zoom meeting

2/2/22. Remote Zoom meeting

2/9/22 Remote Zoom meeting

Paul Tobak was not present for one meeting, November 4, 2021. Paul Bernard and Karen O'Brien Bernstein attended all meetings.

In New Business. At the February 9, 2022 meeting the chair Karen O'Brien shared an email sent by Laura Swistak on behalf of the Charter Review Commission. The commission was looking for input from the board for any changes it would suggest. We discussed the need for at least one alternate board member. Discussion also included the recommendation that current residency requirement to be on the board removed. The board felt the need be a residency requirement limits the quality and quantity of potential voluntary members. The chair drafted an email on behalf of the board and sent it to Mr. Weston, member of the Charter Review Commission on February 10, 2022.