Town of Stratton

Board of Listers

September 29, 2021, 2021

The Board of Listers met as warned at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at the Stratton Town Office to consider a letter of complaint from Rocco Lettieri, owner of 25 Acer Rd. in Stratton (0800028.3).

Present: Listers – Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Beth Liller.

Chair, Kent Young called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Board reviewed Mr. Lettieri's letter, which was a complaint about his assessment. The Listers also reviewed a letter from Gary Fournier of Brett Purvis and Assoc., the Town's assessing firm. This letter indicated that he believed the assessment was accurate.

The Chair stated that he had spoken with Mr. Lettieri earlier today. Mr. Lettieri indicated that he would call in so that he could hear the meeting on speaker phone. The Board waited about 10 minutes and reviewed the letters. Mr. Lettieri did not call in.

Discussion: This is a situation where the annual grievance was properly conducted. Candie Bernard confirmed that notifications of assessments that had changed this past year were sent out in accordance with the statutory requirements – Mr. Lettieri's notification was among them. It was sent by a Certificate of Mailing to the correct address on file and it was not returned. No timely Grievance was submitted by Mr. Lettieri. He did not contact the town regarding his concerns until apparently after he had received his tax bill. Mr. Fournier's letter confirms that his assessment conforms with the value in the Grand List; therefore, a clerical error was not made.

In conclusion, the Chair asked for a motion as follows: No clerical error exists that would indicate that this was an "Errors or Omissions" situation. Mr. Lettieri's letter is, therefore, a Grievance of his assessment. The Grievance deadline of June 16, 2021 had passed; therefore no Grievance will be heard. Candie Bernard so moved. Beth Liller seconded. All concurred and the motion passed.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Candie Bernard so moved. Beth Liller seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes by:

David Kent Young

Kent Young Chairman, Board of Listers