

**TOWN OF WESTFORD
BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING
JULY 7, 2025
MINUTES**

Present: Callie Hamdy (Town Clerk), Kevin Grassi (NEMRC), Andrea Letorney, Lynn Bursell, Nick Nichols, Martha Bennett, Julia Andrews, Martha Heath, Colin Keenan, Howard Weisberg,

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

Andrea Letorney motioned for Callie to be the Chair, Nick Second. Motion passed 7-0.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There are no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

KEENAN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL

Callie Hamdy, Town Clerk, administered the oath to the board members. She then administered an oath to the appellant, Colin Keenan, the witness Howard Weisberg, and the assessor Kevin Grassi.

Testimony from Assessors

Kevin Grassi, Assessor from NEMRC with whom the Town of Westford had contracted with for the Town Wide Reassessment was present. He presented his evidence into the record, explaining how the reappraisal was done and how they came to the assessment of the Keenan property. He also provided comparable properties to the Keenan property.

Testimony from Appellant

Colin Keenan, the Appellant, gave his testimony and presented his evidence into the record. He called Howard Weisberg as a witness who also provided evidence. Colin noted that a real estate assessment from the bank he had gotten done on the property was \$100,000 less than what the town had assessed the property as. Howard provided a list of properties that had been listed for sale at a similar price the town assessed the Keenan property at that had not sold at that price.

The BCA members then asked some questions of the assessor and the appellant. Martha Heath noted that the Keenan property's assessment had risen less than the average of all properties in the town-wide reassessment.

Set Date for Inspection, Assign Board Members for Inspection & Set Final Hearing Date

Suzanne Blanchard, Andrea Letorney, and Martha Bennette volunteered to be the inspection committee. They will work with Colin Keenan to schedule the inspection. Nick Nichols made a motion to adjourn the hearing until Monday, July 28th at 6:15pm at the Town Office where the board will hear the Inspection Committee's report and make a decision regarding the appeal. Julia seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2025

Were pushed until meeting on the 28th.

ADJOURNED

7:30pm