

**Arden Board of Assessors Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Buzz Ware Village Center**

Attending In Person: Elizabeth Varley, Deborah Ricard, Vicki Scott, Brooke Bovard,
Denis O'Regan, John Scheflen, Tom Wheeler

Guest: Bob Erenburg

- The meeting was called to order at 7:41pm, a quorum was present with all members in attendance at the Buzz.
- **A Motion was made to Approve** the January Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.
- B Rate and Initial ADU Discussion was the topic for this meeting.
- In the 2021 Board of Assessor Report, the B-Rate was increased from \$800 to \$808.67 per Grandfathered ADU, an increase of 1.08% which was the same increase applied to the "A Rate."
- Arden's 49 Grandfathered ADUs were assessed the "B Rate" for the "privilege" of not having to adhere to New Castle County restrictions applicable to new ADU's built after 2007. The 2 New ADUs do not pay an additional fee. New ADUs must be attached to the main domicile and the leaseholder must reside on the premises in either the main domicile or ADU.
- Next month's agenda will be "Factors" including location. Debbie mentioned that Mike Curtis has brought a concern about the impact of vacant houses. Debbie will advise Mike that a better forum would be the public meeting in May, however, residents are welcome to all meetings.

ACTIONS:

- Debbie will reserve a room at the Buzz for each meeting, post a meeting notice on the bulletin board, and send out Zoom meeting links
- Vicki or Debbie will post the approved minutes to the town web site

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 7:30pm in person or via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Scott

2022 BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING DATES, TIMES & TOPICS

All meetings are scheduled in person at the Buzz Ware Village Center

If a change in Covid pandemic safety protocol occurs, meetings will revert to zoom.

Wed, Jan 5, 2022	07:30 PM	Premises for Assessment, A Rate & Lot Sizes
Wed, Feb 2, 2022	07:30 PM	B Rate & Initial ADU Discussion
Wed, Mar 2, 2022	07:30 PM	Factors
Wed, Apr 6, 2022	07:30 PM	C & D Rates
Wed, May 4, 2022	07:00 PM	Public Forum
Wed, May 4, 2022	07:30 PM	Continued ADU Discussion
Wed, May 25, 2022	07:30 PM	Work Meeting, if needed
Wed, Jun 1, 2022	07:00 PM	Public Forum
Wed, Jun 1, 2022	07:30 PM	Work Meeting, if needed
Wed, June 22, 2022	07:30 PM	Work Meeting, if needed

Discussion topics subject to change as needed.

Call 302-690-4228 for questions or more information. Thank you for your patience as we all adapt to living safely during this continuing pandemic.

