



Town of North Canaan
Board of Assessment Appeals
Special Meeting
July 22, 2026

Present: Chairman David Jacquier, Doug Humes, Lynne Fowler

Chairman Jacquier called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Mr. Humes moved to add Geer representatives to the agenda. Ms. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. Carlson/Boardman/Lloyd tax exemption issue: The board discussed the minutes and that there was no vote. They all agreed that the minutes from March were not correct. **Mr. Humes moved to amend the minutes to reflect they approved the schedule F and would grant the tax exemption. Ms. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
2. Geer representative Shaun Powell, CFO and acting CEO at the time of the grievances spoke. Geer is struggling to get back on its feet after coming out of covid and last August signed a partnership agreement with Integritus Healthcare with them becoming the managers of Geer. Paperwork was sent to an obsolete po box and sent back so they filed for an extension. Mr. Powell stated he requested that he be called regarding a grievance date but was not called. Paperwork that included the date/time of the grievance was sent to Geer but it did not make it to him. Thus, he failed to show up at the hearing. The chairman of the board stated that they have filed a suit in Superior Court to protect their rights as advised by their attorney.

The board discussed if there could be settlement without going to court that would be better. Geer is looking to reinstate the non-profit/tax exempt status as they cannot pay the taxes and have never had to as they were always deemed tax exempt. The board needs to discuss this with the assessor and look at the paperwork again. **Mr. Humes moved to contact the assessor and meet with her on Tuesday to discuss this and then schedule another meeting for everyone. Ms. Fowler seconded the motion. motion carried.**

Selectman Bunce arrived at this time and addressed the board explaining that he has been in contact with both the assessor and the town attorney in regard to this

situation. The Board cannot do anything with this currently as it is in the court system and the attorney is working on it. Mr. Humes said he is concerned that they stated they will go out of business if they have to pay the tax amount and he doesn't want that to happen. Selectman Bunce agreed, but this has to be handled legally and correctly. The hope is that they will come to some type of middle ground.

The board acknowledged that they understood and stated that they will not meet with the assessor and will wait for the attorneys to figure this out.

Ms. Fowler moved to adjourn. Mr. Humes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell
Recording Secretary