TOWN OF STAMFORD BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING July 7, 2022 (UNAPPROVED)

Present: Board of Civil Authority: Nancy L. Bushika, Michael G. Denault, Brandon Field and Pamela Tworig (Selectboard) Tyna Senecal and Sally Bohl (Justices of the Peace) Lori A. Shepard (Town Clerk)

Assessor: John Tiffany, Assessor from New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC)

Appellant: Not present

All members of the Board of Civil Authority who were present signed the oath. The meeting was recorded. Pam Tworig apologized to John Tiffany and the board if she appeared to be aggressive at the last meeting as it was not intentional.

Nancy Bushika read aloud the inspection report. The report was signed by the Inspection Committee members and a copy was given to the Clerk, Lori Shepard, for the minutes.

The Assessor provided additional testimony as follows: When NEMRC was hired as Assessor a few years ago, John Tiffany noted that several properties were being assessed at a rate below 100% completion. He increased all of the properties that were not at 100% up to the 100% completion rate which increased the values. Laura Champagne's value was increased to \$206,200.00. Lisa Wright, the next Assessor, viewed the property, worked with Laura Champagne, and reduced the value to \$183,000.00. This value seemed to be agreeable with Laura Champagne. When John Tiffany was hired this past year as Assessor, he noted an error in the computer where she was given a 2% depreciation on a deck that was never built. Since there is no deck to depreciate, he removed this depreciation credit which increased the value to \$186,100.00. The difference is only \$3,100.00 which amounts to approximately \$30.00 in taxes. Pam Tworig wanted to make sure that the valuation process was handled the same for everyone so it was fair. John Tiffany confirmed that this value was based on the cost tables in the computer from the last evaluation. Once the reappraisal is done and new cost tables are implemented, all the values will change.

MOTION by Tyna Senecal to enter deliberative session. SECONDED by Nancy Bushika. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board entered deliberative session at 5:35 p.m.

MOTION by Tyna Senecal to exit deliberative session. SECONDED by Nancy Bushika. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The board exited deliberative session at 5:39 p.m.

MOTION by Mike Denault to uphold the assessed value determined by the Assessor of \$186,100.00. SECONDED by Pam Tworig. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

MOTION by Lori Shepard to adjourn. SECONDED by Tyna Senecal. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Shepard Clerk