TOWN OF AVON

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

March 4, 2023

**Members present**: Norman Sondheimer, Sandra Williams, Jeffrey Maguire, Chelsea Ross, Kershwin Singh

This Meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

**First order of Business** – Introduction of new member, Chelsea Ross

**Second order of Business –** Election of Vice Chair.

Motion was made by Norman Sondheimer and seconded by Kershwin Singh to nominate Sandra Williams as

Vice Chair.

The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**Appeal # 1 : Goodwill of Western and Northern CT, 260 West Main Street (Represented by Michael Marafito, Esq, Pullman & Comley, LLC)**

Attorney Marafito provided the Board with a copy of the Appeal Application, Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, and IRS letter regarding 501 (c)(3) status. Attorney Marafito believes the Assessor has improperly denied Goodwill of Western and Northern CT’s tax-exempt application for Personal Property. He states the property is entitled to an exemption per statute 12-81(7).

After much discussion and close review of the documents submitted and the relevant General Statute, the Board determined the applicant failed to demonstrate that the Personal Property is used in Avon for the charitable purposes as described in the Applicants Summary of Mission Activities/Services.

A Motion was made by Jeffrey Maguire and seconded by Sandra Williams to deny the application for tax exempt status.

The Board voted unanimously in favor to deny the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.