

NEWFANE TOWN HALL

Attention Newfane Residents

There are positions open on our
Board of Assessment Review.



Although not required, candidates should have experience in: Agriculture and/or Business Ownership.

What is the Board of Assessment Review (BAR)?

The real property tax is an ad valorem tax (that is, a tax levied on the basis of value). In the first instance, it is the local assessor who determines the taxable value of real property. New York State Law requires all properties to be assessed at a uniform percentage of value each year. And that all assessments be fair.

Taxpayers who feel their assessments are unequal, excessive, unlawful or that their property is misclassified, have a right to have their assessments reviewed by the Board of Assessment Review, or, if necessary, by the courts. Members of the board of assessment review, have been vested with the duty and responsibility of hearing assessment complaints in the first instance. This includes exercising your judgment and discretion to render an impartial, objective determination on complaints of assessments brought before you.

The BAR constitutes what is known as a quasi-judicial body and the members of the board are charged with judicial responsibility to get all the facts, and apply appropriate laws and reasoning to the facts in a fair and judicious manner.

There is a training that the state & county provides that will give a BAR member a better understanding of the process. There is a 5-year commitment and a slight stipend per meeting.

If you are interested in joining the board, or would like more information, please reach out to John Syracuse supervisor@townofnewfane.com