

Board of Assessment Appeals Minutes

The Board of Assessment Appeals held a public meeting on September 14, 2015 in room #3 at The Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman Brown called the Meeting to order at 6:02PM

Present: Marianne Brown (Chairman), Maureen Crick-Owen and James McFarland

Also Present: Lynn Kovack (Clerk)

Public Participation: None

Approval of Minutes: March 31, 2015 Minutes approved (M) Maureen (2nd) James w/ all approved
June 29, 2015 Minutes approved (M) James (2nd) Maureen w/ all approved

Unfinished Business:

There was a motion to table and address establishment of Standard Operating Procedures until the next meeting. (M) Maureen (2nd) James

James is working on a step by step guide to make the appeals process successful

Maureen is working on the website and forms

Marianne is working on what is expected of the Assessor's office

New Business:

Discussion and possible action on the following:

Motor Vehicle Assessment Appeals Hearings

Marianne Brown recused herself from the meeting at 6:09 as she has a case to be heard

Ms. Brown explained that she purchased the 2005 Chevy Silverado on July 28, 2014 and appealed the state tax based on the value when registered. She presented a document from DMV with an adjusted value of \$2,550. The tax Assessor has it at \$3,375 based on the NADA book. Based on the information presented it should match the State of CT at \$2,550. DMV value is \$4,250 per state of CT DRS letter on March 30, 2015.

Marianne Brown came back into the meeting at 6:22PM

Mark Stange has a 2002 Harley Davidson Motorcycle. Nada has the value at \$6,590. He stated the Kelly Blue Book had \$5,400 for trade in. It has over 47,000 miles on it. Harley Davidson stated he wouldn't get more than \$5,400 for trade in. With the condition and mileage he thinks the value is not in line with the economy and market.

Philip Romanino has a 2004 Infiniti FX. He stated that he has high mileage and the condition of the car. He also stated that dealership would give approximately \$4,500 tops and they would have to recondition by the dealership. He stated that Honda & Chevy were pretty close with their trade in values.

Marianne Brown recused herself from the meeting at 6:53pm as she has a case to be heard

Ms. Brown (Dunmire) has a 1997 Mercedes S500. She stated she bought the car on August 5, 2014 for \$2,550. She stated Assessor has it listed at \$3,830 and the Dealership letterhead shows \$2,250 is what was paid. She thinks it should be adjusted because the Bill of Sale was lower.

Marianne Brown came back into the meeting at 7:00PM

Kevin Corrigan has many vehicles he is appealing. They are as follows:

2006 Honda VRF (withdrawn per applicant. Vehicle has sold)

2006 Toyota Highlander

2006 Suzuki SV 650

2002 Nissan Frontier

1992 Mazda Miata

1996 Kawasaki Vulcan

1996 HM HM

1978 EZ Load 17V1800 trailer

Mrs. Corrigan stated the 2006 Honda VRF would not be appealed because it has been sold. They stated they had been dealing with public works on Hanover and Dinglebrook Road due to drainage under the road. The Town Engineer and the First Selectman have been out to see the roads. Public works told them they would grind and repave but they never did. People drive at you to avoid potholes and they filed a formal complaint with Pat Llodra. It is a dangerous road. There is a driveway that washes into the road. Not to mention the wear and tear on the car. Friends with Motorcycles won't visit because they have to go the long way around. They stated nobody would buy their house because it also has a cell tower in back. They showed many different pictures of the roads. The Town acknowledged a problem 3 years ago but nothing has been done to date.

So they feel the assessments should be adjusted.

Alan Clavette has 2 cars he is appealing. He has a 2003 Honda Accord LX and a 2003 Honda Pilot EX

He stated the NADA had it at \$8,100. He stated the high mileage on the vehicle. He showed Honda service receipts with the mileage on it. So he thinks it should be adjusted due to the mileage and the condition of the car.

2003 Honda Pilot EX- The assessment is \$5,360. He looked at the different values in Kelly Blue Book, Edmonds and NADA. September 30, 2014 the mileage was 254,000. It runs but is in poor shape. So adjustment should be adjusted due to the mileage and condition.

Erin Nikitchyuk has a 2004 Honda Pilot- She stated the vehicle has 248,000 miles on it. There are scratches down the whole car and it needs repairs. In July of 2014 the vehicle had 222,000 miles at that time. She showed pictures and pointed out rust on sections of the car. Adjustments should be adjusted due to the condition and mileage.

Susan Oberstadt has a 2006 Bighorn 2055 RL Motorhome. She explained on how she came in last year and gave Penny the exact page in the NADA to help her. She stated she paid \$36,000 in 2006 for the vehicle. She stated that they inflate all the prices and that hers is a discontinued model. She needs cargo doors and can't buy them so will have to have built. TV cabinets are bigger now. Most have kitchen islands so hers is very outdated. She stated the assessment should be \$12,740 and she thinks that is reasonable.

After no further business the deliberations began:

1. Mark Stange, (MV)

Mr. Stange has a 2002 Harley Davidson 8xSTI assessed at \$4,610. He feels it is too high based on the mileage.

Denied: Lack of insufficient documentation for his appeal (M) Maureen (2nd) James with all in favor

2. Philip Romanino, (MV)

Mr. Romanino has a 2004 Infiniti FX assessed at \$7,400. He feels it is too high based on condition and mileage.

Approved: The assessment was lowered to \$6,740 per NADA high mileage allowance (M) Maureen (2nd) James with all in favor

3. Kevin Corrigan, (MV)

Mr. Corrigan has a 1996 HM HM trailer, 1996 Kawasaki Vulcan, 1992 Mazda Miata, 2002 Nissan Frontier, 2006 Suzuki SV650, 2006 Toyota Highlander, 1978 EZ load 17V1800 Trailer and a 2006 Honda VRF (this Honda withdrawn from applicant). He feels too high due to Dinglebrook Road/Hanover Road.

Denied: Due to lack of insufficient documentation. Evidence presented did not support the appeal and don't know if road caused damage. (M) Maureen (2nd) James with all in favor

4. Alan Clavette, (MV)

Mr. Clavette has a 2003 Honda Accord LX assessed at \$4,810. He feels it is too high based on condition and mileage.

Approved: The assessment was lowered to \$4,270 per NADA High Mileage Allowance (M) Maureen (2nd) James with all in favor

Mr. Clavette has a 2003 Honda Pilot EX assessed at \$5,360. He feels it is too high based on condition and mileage.

Approved: The assessment was lowered to \$3,857 per NADA High Mileage allowance (M) Maureen (2nd) James with all approved

5. Erin Nikitchyuk, (MV)

Mrs. Nikitchyuk has a 2004 Honda Pilot assessed at \$6,140. She feels it is too high due to the condition

Approved: The assessment was lowered to \$5,130 per NADA High Mileage allowance (M) Maureen (2nd) James with all approved

6. Susan Oberstadt, (MV)

Mrs. Oberstadt has a 2006 Bighorn 3055RL RV assessed at \$16,380. She feels it is too high.

Denied: Based on book value would give a higher assessment (M) Maureen (2nd) James with all in favor

7. Marianne Dunmire(Brown), (MV)

Ms. Dunmire has a 2005 Chevy Silverado assessed at \$3,375. She feel too high as State of CT valued for sales tax at \$2,550 at time of sale

Approved: The assessment was lowered to \$2,550 (M) James (2nd) Maureen

Ms. Dunmire has a 1997 Mercedes S500 assessed at \$3,830. She feels too high as bill of sale if lower

Approved: The assessment was lowered to \$1,575 (M) Maureen (2nd) James

A special meeting is set for November 30, 2015 @ 5:30PM to discuss 2016 Calendar and Standard Operating Procedures

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Kindly submitted by Lynn Kovack (recording clerk)

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS