

**NEWTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS REGULAR MEETING  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Alex Villamil, Charles Gardner and Edward Randall

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Villamil called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Villamil moved to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Board of Assessment Appeals Regular Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gardner. Motion passes (3-0).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Discussion and Possible Action:*

Conduct hearings for 2020 Grand List Motor Vehicle Assessments

- **Shawn Kasak – 2016 Honda Civic**

Mr. Kasak appealed the assessment of his 2016 Honda Civic stating that it has over 184,466 miles with a lot of wear and tear. For the 2020 GL it is assessed at about \$4,000 more than it was in 2019. The Board discussed that for this current year, NADA values have gone up almost 30% in many cases due to Covid related issues. The Board agreed to lower the assessment from \$11,010 to \$8,610 due to high mileage based on the NADA high mileage chart.

Mr. Villamil moved to approve the appeal on the basis of mileage as represented by the appellant. The Board took into consideration the universal percentage increases, per type of vehicle, due to recent pandemic related increases in used motor vehicle values. Seconded by Mr. Gardner. All in favor. Motion passes (3-0).

- **Shawn Kasak – 2006 Toyota Tacoma**

Mr. Kasak appealed the assessment of his 2006 Toyota Tacoma which he sold in January 2021 for \$3,000 after originally listing it for \$4,500. He stated that it had about 214,000 miles and was in poor mechanical condition with a bad ignition, bad torque converter, poor transmission and a leaky air conditioner which caused the windshield to leak resulting in some rust. Without hard evidence, the Board agreed to lower the assessment from \$8,050 to \$7,450 based on the NADA high mileage chart plus a 5% reduction for condition.

Mr. Gardner moved to approve the appeal on the basis of mileage and condition of the vehicle as represented by the appellant. The Board took into consideration the universal percentage increases, per type of vehicle, due to recent pandemic related increases in used motor vehicle values. Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (3-0).

- **Shawn Kasak – 2015 Harley Davidson FLTRUSE**

Mr. Kasak appealed the assessed value of his 2015 Harley Davidson FLTRUSE motorcycle. He stated that the assessment did not depreciate for the last two years and this year went up. He noted that it has about

35,300 miles with vibration and brake issues that need repairing. The Board agreed to lower the assessment by 5% resulting in a change from \$16,430 to \$15,610.

Mr. Gardner moved to approve the appeal on the basis of mileage and condition of the vehicle as represented by the appellant. The Board took into consideration the universal percentage increases, per type of vehicle, due to recent pandemic related increases in used motor vehicle values. Seconded by Mr. Villamil. All in favor. Motion passes (3-0).

• **Shawn Kasak – 2002 Harley Davidson FXSTDI**

Mr. Kasak appealed the assessed value of his 2002 Harley Davidson FXSTDI motorcycle. He stated that the assessment did not depreciate for the last two years and this year went up. He noted that it has about 42,720 miles with an oil leak and needs new tires. The Board agreed to lower the assessment by 5% resulting in a change from \$3,430 to \$3,260.

Mr. Villamil moved to approve the appeal on the basis of mileage and condition of the vehicle as represented by the appellant. The Board took into consideration the universal percentage increases, per type of vehicle, due to recent pandemic related increases in used motor vehicle values. Seconded by Mr. Randall. All in favor. Motion passes (3-0).

• **Roger Von Schleusingen – 2007 Chevy Silverado**

Mr. Von Schleusingen disputed the assessment of his 2007 Chevy Silverado which rose almost 15% since last year. He stated that it has over 330,000 miles, the transmission slips, and has low oil pressure. He purchased it for \$14,000 in 2019 and has since put about \$1,400 of work into it. The Board agreed to lower the assessed value from \$7,890 to \$7,120 because of high mileage.

Mr. Villamil moved to approve the appeal on the basis of mileage and condition of the vehicle as represented by the appellant. The Board took into consideration the universal percentage increases, per type of vehicle, due to recent pandemic related increases in used motor vehicle values. Seconded by Mr. Randall. All in favor. Motion passes (3-0).

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Villamil moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Randall. All in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rina Quijano, Clerk*

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS  
AT THE NEXT MEETING**