



## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Minutes of September 11, 2019

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

A Board of Assessment Appeals Special Meeting was held Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Shared Meeting Room #3, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

**Members Present:** James McFarland, Alex Villamil

**Members Absent:** Charles Gardner

**Staff Present:** Christine O'Neill, Clerk

Mr. McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the minutes from April 24th, 2019 with the correction of changing the word "to" to "too," in the portion regarding Eric Eggan. Mr. Villamil seconded. All were in favor and the minutes of April 24th, 2019 were approved as amended.

#### Public Participation

No one came forward to speak.

#### New Business

- Robert Katrinak, 2007 Honda CR-V EX  
Reason for Appeal: Valuation is overstated as the vehicle is high in mileage, has been in a collision, and the air conditioning is not working.  
Action: Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the appeal and set appraised value to \$7,800 due to high mileage per NADA. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **approved**.
- Shawn Kasak, 2002 Harley Davidson FXSTDI  
Reason for Appeal: Dispute of value - 2012 value was \$3,080, now \$3,780; not a classic/collectors bike.  
Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$3,080 as per 2016 revised assessment. Mr. Villamil seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **approved**.
- Shawn Kasak, 2015 Harley Davidson FLTRUSE  
Reason for Appeal: The bike is a year older and has additional miles (30,000) on it; it is not the same value as last year.  
Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$15,365 as per the 2017 assessment. Mr. Villamil seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **approved**.
- Shawn Kasak, 2006 Toyota Tacoma  
Reason for Appeal: Dispute valuation from 2017 at \$7,370 (which was the revised assessment); to \$9,890 in 2018; and is now \$9,100 in 2019.  
Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$7,370 as per 2016 revised assessment. Mr. Villamil seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **approved**.
- Shawn Kasak, 2016 Honda Civic LX  
Reason for Appeal: Dispute value - car has 118,587 miles on it and is being taxed as the same value as last year.  
Action: Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$9,555 due to high mileage. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **approved**.

- Rayon Robertson, 2015 Toyota Highlander  
Reason for Appeal: High mileage (54,709 miles as of 5/21/18 and 77,250 miles as of 9/11/19).  
Action: Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$14,823 due to high mileage, conditional upon this figure being lower than the original assessment. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **conditionally approved**.  
*The above applicant was a walk-in.*
- James and Laura Lee, 2018 Hyundai Santa Fe  
Reason for Appeal: Neighbor has three vehicles not registered in CT, but in NY, for 10+ years and hence does not pay taxes on their vehicles. The applicant would like the same special treatment.  
Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to deny the appeal due to insufficient evidence to support the appellants' claim. Mr. Villamil seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **denied**.
- Aaron Blank, 2004 Toyota Tacoma  
Reason for Appeal: NADA value is too high for the condition, as the car has undergone heavy wear and tear.  
Action: Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$6,353 due to high mileage. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **approved**.  
*Mr. Blank waived his appeal on the 2009 Honda Accord.*
- Jennifer and Thomas Grogan, 2014 Subaru Crosstrek  
Reason for Appeal: Car not worth estimated value, secondary to two collisions and high mileage (83,117 miles).  
Action: Mr. Villamil made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value at \$10,868 due to high mileage. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the motion was **approved**.

#### Adjournment

Mr. McFarland moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Villamil seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:53.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Christine O'Neill, Clerk*