



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Board of Assessment Appeals Minutes of September 12, 2019

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

A Board of Assessment Appeals Special Meeting was held Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Shared Meeting Room #3, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

Members Present: James McFarland and Charles Gardner

Members Absent: Alex Villamil

Staff Present: Christine O'Neill, Clerk

Mr. McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McFarland tabled the approval of the minutes from September 11, 2019 until the next meeting with Alex Villamil, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Scheduling a Special Meeting

Mr. McFarland announced that a Special Meeting would be scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The agenda will include: call to order, approval of minutes, scheduling of 2020 meeting dates, and adjournment.

Public Participation

No one came forward to speak.

New Business

- Kathleen Kinsella-Ruddy, 1999 Chevy Suburban
Reason for Appeal: Value too high for this 20-year-old truck. High mileage, not in great shape, no NADA value listed.
Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$2,135 due to high mileage. Mr. Gardner seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.
- Kathleen Kinsella-Ruddy, 2001 GMC Jimmy
Reason for Appeal: Value listed is too high for vehicle. High mileage, not in great shape, see NADA listing.
Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$1,978 due to high mileage. Mr. Gardner seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.
- Timber Hill Farm, 2019 Peterbilt 389 Dumptruck 8258
Reason for Appeal: New, tax-exempt truck.
Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to zero for purposes of tax exemption, per Property Tax Exemption Application for a New Commercial Truck, received 7/31/2019. Mr. Gardener seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.
- Newtown Electric, 2019 Peterbilt 389 Dumptruck 4563
Reason for Appeal: New, tax-exempt truck.
Action: Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to zero for purposes of tax exemption, per Property Tax Exemption Application for a New Commercial Truck, received 7/31/2019. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.
- Newtown Electric, 2019 Peterbilt 389 Dumptruck 8243

Reason for Appeal: New, tax-exempt truck.

Action: Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to zero for purposes of tax exemption, per Property Tax Exemption Application for a New Commercial Truck, received 7/31/2019. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.

- Joseph Bromley, 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio

Reason for Appeal: The valuation for the vehicle was the same in 2018 as it was 2017, and it should have depreciated.

Action: Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$29,764 as per NADA mileage adjustment. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.

This applicant was a walk-in.

- Susan & George Oberstadt, 2006 Heartland Bighorn 3055 RL

Reason for Appeal: Guide prices for RVs are mostly determined by taking a percent of manufacturer suggested retail price (MSRP), not actual selling prices, and are inflated as a result.

Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set the assessed value to \$8,750, per comparative sales information provided by the appellant. Mr. Gardner seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.

- David Gattey, 2010 Lexus RX350

Reason for Appeal: High mileage (200,000 miles).

Action: Mr. McFarland made a motion to approve the appeal and set assessed value to \$8,838 due to high mileage. Mr. Gardner seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.

- Alan Mammen, 2004 Spartan Motor Home

Reason for Appeal: The RV was purchased in Oklahoma after it had severe storm damage, three holes through the roof, and three holes through the side of the RV. Many key systems broken.

Action: Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the appeal and set assessed value to \$13,300 due to the condition of the vehicle. Mr. McFarland seconded. All were in favor and the appeal was **approved**.

Adjournment

Mr. McFarland moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gardner seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christine O'Neill, Clerk*