

## BOARD OF ASSESSEMENT APPEALS

### Minutes

#### Motor Vehicle Appeal Hearings, September 16, 2019 1019 Main Street, Town Hall, Branford, CT

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Nardella at 5:30 pm

Roll Call: Chairman Dennis Nardella, Hearing Officer- Ali Abulugma, Alternate-Michael Milici, Board Clerk-Jennifer Acquino.

#### Hearings:

1. Sipprell, List#73233: 2004 Chevrolet Corvette-\$5,390 is current assessment. Owner presented information on why he believes the value is too high. Mileage is extremely high at nearly 300,000 miles. He reminded the board of the previous accidents that the vehicle had been in. He believes the market value should be at \$5,000. The board discussed and believes that value is accurate and less than last year's BAA value of \$5,670. Motion by D. Nardella, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Milici for no change with the assessment remaining at \$5,390.  
*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*
2. Sipprell, List#73234: 2016 Chevrolet Corvette-\$32,950 is current assessment. Owner presented information to support his requested market value of \$43,180. Requested value be reduced by \$150/thousand miles. The board deducted the mileage adjustment from the NADA book from the Retail value giving a market value of \$43,625. Motion by M. Milici 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Abulugma to change the assessment to \$30,537.  
*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*
3. Dugan, List#57810:2009 VW TDI Diesel- \$4,800 is current assessment. Owner states the vehicle has high mileage of 267,000 and the vehicle was part of the VW emission problem. She believes the vehicle has no value and would like the assessment changed to \$1,000. The Board deducted for the high mileage but felt despite the VW emission problem, the vehicle had more value than the \$1,000 requested. Motion by M. Milici, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Abulugma to reduce the value to \$2,600.  
*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*
4. Stockwell, List#73888: 2012 Hyundai Veracruz-\$7,700 is current assessment. Owner stated high mileage at 140,000. Vehicle has damage from a hit & run as well as using it to make dump runs, scratches in the paint, etc. Carmax offered \$2,000 for the vehicle. Dennis went outside to view the vehicle. Motion by D. Nardella, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Milici to change assessment to \$5,600.  
*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*
5. Mangels, List#65762: 1995 Spartan Motor Home-\$31,700 is current assessment. Owner states they paid \$11,000 for vehicle in August. They provided copy of the DMV receipt showing they paid sales tax on the \$11,000 as well as the NADA printout showing low retail of \$18,200 and average retail of \$21,900. They stated the RV had many things not working when they purchased. Originally listed at \$17,000 but with all the problem they only paid \$11,000. Board felt the vehicle should be reduced by not as low as the \$11,000 paid. Motion by D. Nardella, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Abulugma to change the assessment to \$10,500.  
*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*
6. Howard-Flanders, List#62202: 2009 Ford Econoline-\$16,330 is current assessment. Owner states the value has been extremely high for years and he finally figured out that because the vehicle had a camper plate that had been transferred from his vans for years, they were assessing it as an RV. He has since changed the registration to a regular plate but would like the value adjusted for this year. Dennis went

outside and viewed the vehicle and confirmed it is just a van with 2 front seats, not a motor home. Motion by D. Nardella, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Milici to change assessment to \$7,140 based upon the NADA book.

*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*

7. Wayne, List#76400: 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee-\$3,920 is current assessment. Owner states the vehicle has high mileage of 215,000 and has bumper damage and is not in great condition. Would like the assessment changed to \$1,500.00. Ali went outside to view the vehicle. Board sees that the vehicle is already assessed less than NADA which appears to be 10% less than last year's BAA reduction. Motion by D. Nardella, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Abulugma for no change to the assessment with the value remaining at \$3,920.

*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*

8. Sandillo, List#72208: 2008 Ford Ranger-\$5,850 is current assessment. Owner states he purchased the vehicle for \$1,701.60 in August of 2018 and vehicle has high mileage of 201,000. He stated that there were some repairs that needed to be made upon purchase, however the vehicle had been well maintained. The Board felt that although he had gotten a good deal on the vehicle it did not warrant reduction to the amount paid. Mileage adjustment was calculated and M. Milici made a motion that was 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Nardella to change assessment to \$5,000.

*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*

9. Concilio, List#55380: 2014 Honda CRV-\$9,810 is current assessment. Owner did not appear at hearing. Motion by M. Milici, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Nardella for no change to the assessment. Value to remain at \$9,810.

*Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.*

Motion by M. Milici, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Nardella to adjourn the meeting @ 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis. Nardella, Chairman  
Jennifer Acquino, Clerk