

BOARD OF ASSESSEMENT APPEALS

Minutes

Motor Vehicle Appeal Hearings, September 22, 2020 1019 Main Street, Town Hall, Branford, CT

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Nardella at 5:40 pm

Roll Call: Chairman Dennis Nardella, Hearing Officers- Joe Fazzino, Jason Driscoll, Board Clerk-Jennifer Acquino and Associate Assessor-Celeste Fisher.

Brief discussion on the process changes due to COVID-19. Hearing officers will hear an appeal one on one like the real estate hearings are conducted. Once all of the hearings are done, the Board will reconvene and to discuss and vote.

Individual hearings were held, board reconvened at 7:00pm

1. Calderone, List#53872: 2007 Lexus RX400 H-\$5,920 is current assessment. Owner presented information on why he believes the value is too high. Mileage is extremely high at 273,000 miles. The board discussed and believes that value is too high. Motion by D. Nardella, 2nd J. Fazzino to change the assessment to \$5,512.

Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

2. Thompson, List#74600: 2008 Mazda 3-\$2,850 is current assessment. Owner presented information to support the requested market value. Vehicle has high mileage of 250,000 and is in bad condition. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Fazzino to change the assessment to \$1,150.

Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

3. Ahmed, List#50477: 2012 Honda Civic-\$5,830 is current assessment. Owner presented information to support the requested value, provided bill of sale. Mileage high at 240,000 miles. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Fazzino to change assessment to \$1000.

Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

4. Church, List#55019:2003 Saab 9-5-\$2,260 is current assessment. Vehicle is inoperable and used as a "parts car". Mileage is high at 241,000. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Fazzino to change the assessment to \$500.

Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

5. Church, List#55020:2007 Saab 9-3-\$2,170 is current assessment. Saab went bankrupt in 2011 so no dealer or parts available. Car had problem with compression and can't run in the winter. Repair estimates exceed value of vehicle. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Fazzino to change assessment to \$840.

Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

6. Church, List#55018: 2006 Saab 9-5 wagon-\$2,210 is current assessment. Saab went bankrupt in 2011 so no dealer or parts available. Mileage at 195,000. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Fazzino to change assessment to \$1,015.

Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

7. Sipprell, List#73233: 2004 Chev Corvette-\$8,540 is current assessment. Owner provided documentation as to reasoning for requested reduction. Mileage at 280,921. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Driscoll to change assessment to \$4,900.

Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

8. Sipprell, List#73222: 2016 Chev Corvette-\$30,290 is current assessment. Owner provided documentation as to reasoning for requested reduction. Mileage at 82,084. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Driscoll to change assessment to \$27,000.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.
9. Cormier, List#55806: 2005 Acura MDX-\$3,830 is current assessment. Owner stated he only paid \$300 for the vehicle which had lots of problems. Mileage is high at 261,000. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Driscoll to change assessment to \$1,456.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.
10. Queen Iva LLC, List#70652: 2005 Freightliner-\$39,130 is current assessment. Vehicle was a transfer from East Haven with over 1 million miles. Previous assessments were around \$10,000, feels there is an error in this year's assessment. Motion by J. Fazzino 2nd by J. Driscoll to change assessment to \$9,000.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.
11. Beatty, List#58579:2005 Isuzu box truck-\$15,500 is current assessment. Owner stated original purchase price was only \$9,600 5 years ago. Mileage is 190,000. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Driscoll to change assessment to \$7,000.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.
12. Stockwell, List#73893: 2012 Hyundai Veracruz-\$6,910 is current assessment. Owner stated high mileage at 162,000. Vehicle has damage to body, interior damage, etc. Motion by D. Nardella, 2nd J. Driscoll to change assessment to \$3,000.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.
13. Dugan, List#57872:2009 VW TDI Diesel- \$4,180 is current assessment. Owner states the vehicle has high mileage of 290,000 and the vehicle was part of the VW emission problem. She believes the vehicle has no value. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Driscoll to reduce assessment to \$1,000.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.
14. RJ Shore Automotive, List#71346: 2019 Ford Tow Truck-\$98,000 is current assessment. Owner rep provided bill of sale showing \$83,900 purchase price plus \$600 paint add on. Motion by D. Nardella, 2nd by J. Driscoll to change the assessment to \$59,150.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.
15. Calle, List#53894: 2015 Honda Pilot-\$16,590 is current assessment. Owner did not appear at hearing. Motion by D. Nardella 2nd J. Driscoll for no change to the assessment. Value to remain at \$16,590.
Vote Record: Motion Carried unanimously.

Chairman Nardella announced resignation of Board Clerk, Jennifer Acquino effective Oct 1, 2020.

Motion by D. Nardella 2nd by J. Driscoll to adjourn the meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

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