

September 12, 2020

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

MINUTES

The Saturday, September 12, 2020 regular meeting of the Wallingford Board of Assessment Appeals was held outside, directly outside of the vestibule of the Town Hall Municipal Building facing Prince Street, located at 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut.

In attendance were: Thomas Vitali - Board Chairman, Robert Avery – Board Member, Carl Bonamico – Board Member, Shelby Jackson – Town Assessor, Kevin Coons – Chief Appraiser, and Shelley Hemenway – Recording Secretary.

Chairman Vitali called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The minutes from March 2020 were reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2020. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

The appeals were heard and decided on a first come, first serve basis and continued until the Board moved for adjournment.

Each appellant was sworn in before giving testimony. The entire Board heard each individual appeal. A decision was made by the Board and said decision will be sent in writing from the Assessors Office to each appellant within approximately one week.

The determination of appeals is based on the doings of the Wallingford Assessor on the Grand List dated October 1, 2019.

APPEAL 2019-001 MV

Frank Ventriglio

Motor Vehicle

2007 Nissan XTERRA 4

Assessed Value \$ 4620

Appellant stated the condition of the vehicle and the high mileage.

Mr. Coons researched the vehicle in the NADA book.

The Board discussed the difference between assessed value and market value for the vehicle.

Appellant stated the body of the vehicle is rotted out and there is no resale value due to the condition.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 2450. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-002 MV

Robert Ennis

Motor Vehicle

2018 Toyota RAV4 HV

Assessed Value \$ 20,300

Appellant stated the vehicle had high mileage as of November 21,2019, and then the vehicle was totaled in an accident. Appellant shared pictures of the totaled vehicle.

Mr. Coons asked if the license plate was cancelled. The appellant stated yes, that the plates were cancelled three days later. Appellant presents last years assessment on the vehicle.

Chairman Vitali asked about previous adjustments on the vehicle. Appellant stated he came to the Board last year due to the high mileage on his car.

Chairman Vitali and Mr. Coons look up the car in the NADA books. Chairman Vitali asked the appellant if there was 160,000 miles on the vehicle at the time of the accident and the appellant stated yes.

Chairman Vitali asked Mr. Coons how it would be prorated. Mr. Coons stated it was by month and the vehicle was in use for two months before being totaled.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 3000, seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-003 MV

James Manske

Motor Vehicle

2010 Chevrolet Tahoe LT

Assessed Value \$ 11,170

Appellant stated the vehicle is ten years old and the taxes are too high.

Mr. Coons asked the appellant if he had the tax bill. Appellant presented a tax bill for the 2018 Grand List.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Coons search for the vehicle in the records and NADA and realize it is registered to the appellants company, Accu-Tech Building Supplies LLC .

Chairman Vitali and Mr. Coons discuss the assessed value, market value, and mileage of the vehicle with the appellant.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 10,000. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-004 MV

Medal Masonry

Trailer

2016 CAM/15CAM

Assessed Value \$ 23,000

Appellant stated he paid \$ 15,674 for the trailer brand new. The appellant stated he paid \$8,000 less than what the Town said it was worth.

Chairman Vitali asked appellant if he had any pictures. Appellant stated no, but presented his bill of sale for the trailer as well as his registration with the DMV.

Mr. Coons stated that going by the bill of sale, the appellant paid \$ 15,642 four years ago.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 9,100. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-005 MV

Michael D'Addio

Motor Vehicle

2002 Toyota 4Runner

Assessed Value \$ 4920

Appellant stated there is rust on the rear frame and rear suspension attachment points. Appellant stated the vehicle was \$ 2000 two years ago and had depreciated \$100 in two years. Chairman Vitali asked if the appellant had been before the Board previously. Appellant stated yes.

Mr. Jackson went to get previous records of the vehicle from the Assessors Office and presented the paperwork to the Board.

Chairman Vitali and the Board members go over the paperwork.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 1700. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-006 MV

David Watson

Motor Vehicle

2005 Dodge RAM 1500 Pickup

Assessed Value \$ 5790

Appellant stated the assessed value is \$ 5790 and stated the truck is not worth that amount.

Chairman Vitali asked for the market value and Mr. Bonamico goes through the NADA book.

The Board took a walk to inspect the truck and discussed rust and the outer appearance. They also look inside the truck.

Mr. Coons looked up the truck in NADA and a discussion was had about the condition of the truck.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 3000. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

Appellant asked what the process now is since he already paid the bill. Mr. Jackson explained the process to the appellant.

APPEAL 2019-007 MV

Maryann Puttre

Motor Vehicle

1999 Toyota Landcruiser

Assessed Value \$ 4000

Appellant stated the vehicle is 21 years old and the title is listed as rebuilt.

Chairman Vitali stated that last year, the Board reduced the assessed value to \$4000.

The Board goes over the information.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 3800. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-008 MV

Neha Thaker

Motor Vehicle

2006 Mercedes C280 Sedan

Assessed Value \$ 2770

Appellant stated the car is 14 years old, has dents, and high mileage with 192,000 miles. Appellant stated the Kelley Blue book value is between \$ 1800 and \$ 2000.

Mr. Coons looks in NADA.

Appellant presents the Board with photos of the vehicle and a printout from the DMV for the reduction for mileage.

The Board goes over the paperwork presented as well as data from the NADA book.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 2000. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-009 MV

Neha Thaker

Motor Vehicle

2014 Lexus RX350

Assessed Value \$ 14,840

Appellant states the vehicle has high mileage and has many scratches and dents. Appellant stated the Kelley Blue Book value is \$ 13,000.

Mr. Coons goes over the NADA. The Board discusses the numbers and mileage.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 13,000. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2019-010 MV

Thomas Savage

Motor Vehicle

2014 Chevrolet Impala

Assessed Value \$ 7140

Appellant stated the car has high mileage with 182,047 miles .

Mr. Coons looked in the NADA and looked up the vehicle by VIN number.

The Board discusses the information presented by Mr. Coons.

The Board goes over the information with the appellant.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 3500. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

The Board waited 15 minutes for any more appellants to arrive. The Board waited until 10:30 AM .

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Avery and passed unanimously.

Chairman Vitali adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Shelley Hemenway

Recording Secretary

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