

September 10, 2022

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

MINUTES

AMENDED

The Saturday, September 10, 2022 regular meeting of the Wallingford Board of Assessment Appeals for motor vehicles was held inside 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, Carl Bonamico — Board Member, Jared Liu — Board Member, Kevin Coons — Town Assessor, Ian Fuller — 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.

Chairman Vitali made a motion for the approval of minutes from the last few meetings from March of 2022. Mr. Liu abstained, stating he was not a member of the Board at that time. Mr. Bonamico seconded the motion and motion passed.

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 2021MV-01

David E. Bush

Motor Vehicle

2012 Dodge RAM 1500

Assessed Value \$ 12,580

Appellant stated the motor vehicle had been in two accidents, it had dents and rust, and high mileage.

Appellant stated the last assessment was \$2500 less and the original purchase price was \$9592.

Mr. Fuller looked up the vehicle in the NADA book and accounted for the mileage.

Chairman Vitali stated the assessed value was \$ 12580.

Appellant stated the car had been in two accidents.

Mr. Liu clarified with the appellant that the vehicle was purchased for less than the value was. The appellant stated yes.

Chairman Vitali went over the new assessed value from the NADA book.

Mr. Liu asked about fixing the vehicle and the second accident.

A discussion was had about the repair, damage, value, and cost.

Chairman Vitali stated the vehicle had been repaired and it is in useable condition.

Appellant stated the vehicle has a cracked tie rod and the parts are on back-order to fix it.

The Board looked over the application.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 9100. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-02

Margarito Godinez

Motor Vehicle

2005 GMC Sierra

Assessed Value \$ 6160

Appellant stated the vehicle was destroyed from the previous owners when it was purchased.

Chairman Vitali read aloud the basis for the appeal from the application.

Appellant stated the truck was only worth what they paid for it.

Mr. Fuller went over to the vehicle to find the VIN number and then looked up the vehicle in NADA.

Mr. Liu asked about the circumstances of the sale. Appellant told the story of how they purchased the vehicle.

The Board went to look at the truck and the appellant showed the Board the damage.

Appellant placed a market value of \$19,000 on the vehicle. Appellant stated similar cars are sold on Carvona for less, and those cars had a clean history. Appellant stated the car had a major accident.

Chairman Vitali asked the appellant about the accident.

Appellant stated it showed up as a major accident in the cars history even though everything was fixed. Appellant stated the value the Town had on the vehicle was fair if it was not in a major accident.

Mr. Fuller told the Board the NADA value and a discussion was had about the mileage and the accident.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 14,000. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-06

Mark Addona

Motor Vehicle

2020 Jeep Wrangler

Assessed Value \$ 30870

Appellant placed a market value of \$ 24,677 on the vehicle.

Chairman Vitali read aloud the basis for the appeal.

Mr. Fuller discussed the market value from NADA.

Mr. Liu asked the appellant what they paid for the vehicle, appellant stated \$ 40,000. A discussion was had about what the appellant believed the assessed value should be.

The Board discussed purchased value and assessed value.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 26,600. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-07

Tracy Andrulat

Motor Vehicle

2011 Chevrolet Silverado

Assessed Value \$ 22170

Chairman Vitali asked the appellant if they had a market value they would like to place on the vehicle. Appellant stated she would like the Board to look at the vehicle.

The Board went over to the vehicle and the appellant explained the vehicle damage to the Board.

Chairman Vitali asked Mr. Fuller about the NADA value as well as deductions for mileage. Chairman Vitali stated the NADA value was for a clean vehicle. This vehicle was in an accident and was not a clean vehicle. The Board discussed the vehicle damage.

Appellant asked if getting the damage in writing would help. Chairman Vitali stated absolutely and suggested going to any body shop.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 16,100. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-08

Diane and Dan Lebel

Motor Vehicle

2008 Subaru Forester

Assessed Value \$ 4590

Appellant placed a market value of \$ 2600 on the vehicle.

The Board went over the application.

Mr. Fuller tells the Board the NADA value, taking into account the mileage.

Chairman Vitali stated the clean retail price was \$5375, and asked the appellant about any major repairs.

Appellant stated the vehicle requires a new transmission and they do not use it a whole lot because it needs repairs. Appellant stated the car had an accident before they bought it.

Mr. Liu asked the appellant what price they could sell the car for and if they could get \$2600 for the vehicle now. Appellant stated he did not think he could get that amount of money. Appellant stated he would run the car until it stopped working and then donate it.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 2100. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-09 MV

Douglas Cone

Motor Vehicle

2002 Volkswagen Jetta

Assessed Value \$ 2450

Appellant stated the vehicle had 165,000 miles on it and the condition was poor.

Chairman Vitali read the application aloud explaining the damage to the vehicle.

Appellant presented the Board with the previous tax form from the 2020 Grand List.

Mr. Fuller discussed the NADA value.

Chairman Vitali said the prior year, the car had a market value of \$3300 and this year it went up to \$ 3500.

Appellant stated the transmission was not working properly and the car was difficult to drive. Appellant said the windshield was pitted so at night, you cannot see out the windshield. The Board discussed the damage to the vehicle.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 1750. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-10

Laura & Dominic loime

Motor Vehicle

2016 RAM 2500 Truck

Assessed Value \$ 31640

Appellant stated the Assessors Office adjusted the assessed value last year.

Mr. Fuller went to get the records from last year.

APPEAL 2021MV-11

Laura & Dominic loime

Motor Vehicle

2020 Keystone Cougar Camper

Assessed Value \$ 28670

Chairman Vitali stated that last year, the assessed value was changed to \$ 27300. Appellant stated that was more aligned with the purchase price.

Chairman Vitali asked about this years bill. A discussion was had with Mr. Coons about campers and fifth wheels.

Appellant presented a NADA printout showing a market value of \$ 33800. Mr. Fuller went into the office to check on the value and come up with the same value of \$ 33800.

A discussion was had about the value of the camper for this year and the previous year.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 23,600. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-10

Laura & Dominic Ioime

Motor Vehicle

2016 RAM 2500 Truck

Assessed Value \$ 31640

Mr. Fuller discussed with the Board the changes from last year. A discussion was had about clean retail from the NADA book and average trade-in value.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 29,800. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-12

Michael Daddio

Motor Vehicle

2002 Toyota 4Runner

Assessed Value \$ 5150

Appellant was at the Board hearing last year and presented the Board with paperwork from last years ruling.

Appellant stated the vehicle is no longer drivable, so now it was junk. Appellant stated this just happened two weeks ago.

The Board looked over the paperwork.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 350. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-13

Frank Ventriglio

Motor Vehicle

2009 Harley FLTC-ULT

Assessed Value \$ 7580

Appellant stated the vehicle had high mileage, rust, dents, and had been in accidents.

Mr. Fuller gave the Board the paperwork from the Boards ruling last year.

Appellant stated it would cost \$4000 to replace the engine, he is not able to sell it as is, and the dealer does not want it.

A discussion was had about the Boards ruling from last year, as well as the taxes for 2020 and 2021.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 3150. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-14

Frank Ventriglio

Motor Vehicle

2007 Nissan XTERRA

Assessed Value \$ 4640

Chairman Vitali read aloud the application, discussing the damage to the vehicle. The Board looks at the ruling from last years Board of Assessment appeal. Chairman Vitali discussed the assessed value from 2020 and 2021.

The Board went over to the vehicle and the appellant showed the Board the issues with the vehicle.

Appellant said the dealer told him the vehicle had no resale value.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 1400. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2021MV-15

Mark Behrend

Motor Vehicle

2007 Hyundai Sonata

Assessed Value \$ 2820

Chairman Vitali asked the appellant if he had a market value for the vehicle. Appellant stated he called a car dealership, but could not get a value.

Mr. Fuller told the Board the NADA value and a discussion was had about mileage.

Chairman Vitali asked the appellant about the overall condition. Appellant stated the vehicle runs good, but he was shocked at the value. Appellant stated his car always depreciates in value and this year it did not.

Chairman Vitali stated if they looked at the numbers, 70% of market value retail of \$3650 would be an assessed value of \$2555. The Board looked over the appeal.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 2100. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

The last appeal concluded at 10:46 AM. The Board waited 30 minutes to see if anyone else would appear before the Board. After 30 minutes, the Board went to item 6 on the agenda.

There was no old business.

Item 7 on the agenda-New business-

Chairman Vitali stated the Board will make the schedule for 2023 in January and will need to communicate dates available for next year.

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

Chairman Vitali adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Shelley Hemenway

Recording Secretary

Board Of Assessment Appeals