

EAST LYME BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The East Lyme Board of Assessment appeals meeting of September 11, 2010 was called to order in the East Lyme Town Hall at 10:02AM. In attendance were Chairman William Weber, Joan Schwartz, Susan Graham, Holly Cheeseman, and Paul Dagle. The September meeting is held to hear appeals on the October 1, 2009 Motor Vehicle GL and the 2008 Supplemental Motor Vehicle List. The following is the summary of appeals heard by the Board on this day.

#1 David Godbout, 15 Cardinal Road, appeared before the Board representing Zeng Ming to appeal the assessment of a 2001 Honda Insight on the 10/1/2009 Grand List. Mr. Godbout noted that the vehicle was in average condition and provided a number of exhibits discussing the Board of Assessment Appeals standard of review and approach to determining vehicle value. Documents were reviewed by board members and placed on file for further review during deliberations. He further presented that his vehicle was not listed in NADA book because his vehicle is in average condition. He made note of several points of damage as presented in exhibit C photos, defective electric window, and 130,000 miles. The vehicle was not physically present for review by board.

#2 Guodong Zhang, 22 Cardinal Road, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment of a 1998 Toyota Camry on the 10/1/2009 Grand List. The applicant noted that the vehicle had 117,000 miles and a significant amount of damage from previous accidents. The vehicle was present and the board members visually inspected the car to observe the damage.

#3 Thomas Sullivan, 12 Bush Hill Drive, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment on 2006 Ford Freestyle on the 10/1/2009 GL listed under his wife Caroline's name. Mr. Sullivan presented data showing the car price decrease over the past several years was non-linear and increased on the latest tax bill. He stated he paid \$150 of his past tax bill and felt a lower bill was justified. Mr. Sullivan stated the vehicle has 65,000 miles and damage in the left side from hitting a pole. The vehicle was not physically present for review by board.

#4 Jisung Li, 74 Charter Oak Drive, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment of a 1999 Honda Accord on the 10/1/2009 Grand List. The applicant noted that the vehicle had 177,000 miles and significant degradation in the engine condition causing excessive oil burn. The vehicle was present and the board members observed the car including the starting of the engine. Applicant provided Kelly Bluebook information showing value of "Fair" condition for his car is \$2050.

#5 Thomas Herlihy 55 South Edge Wood Road, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment of a 1976 Cadillac Seville on the 10/1/2009 Grand List. Mr. Herlihy noted that the vehicle was in need of paint. He requested that the \$500 assessment be applied as per PA 08-150. He filed the affidavit.

Holly Cheeseman left the meeting at 11:45 after all applicants presented.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joan Schwartz seconded by Paul Dagle. Motion carried 4:0
Chairperson Weber thanked the members for attending this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at
12:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Weber', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Weber
Chairman Board of Assessment Appeals.
9/11/2010

EAST LYME BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The East Lyme Board of Assessment Appeals meeting of September 13, 2010 was called to order in the East Lyme Town Hall at 6:00PM. In attendance were Chairman William Weber, Joan Schwartz, Susan Graham, and Holly Cheeseman. Paul Dagle arrived at 6:02. The September meeting is held to hear appeals on the October 1, 2009 Motor Vehicle GL and the 2008 Supplemental Motor Vehicle List. Applications #1 - #5 were seen by the Board of Assessment Appeals at the September 13, 2010 meeting as noted in the meeting minutes for that date. The following is the summary of appeals heard by the Board on September 13, 2010.

#6 Andrew Radynski, 15 Upper Walnut Hill Road, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment of a 1990 Mercedes Benz 300D on the 10/1/2009 Grand List. Mr. Radynski noted that the vehicle was not in normal use. He requested that the \$500 assessment be applied as per PA 08-150. He filed the appropriately signed affidavit. The vehicle was not physically reviewed by the board.

#7 Kay D. Wilson, 4 Blackberry Lane, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment on 1996 Mercury Grand Marquis on the 10/1/2009 GL list. Mr. Wilson presented the board with a copy of the Certificate of Title stamped "Salvage" and stated the car was in an accident causing the car to lose its value. He also stated the car had been repaired, but could not be resold. The vehicle was physically reviewed by board.

#8 William Lesick, 482 Boston Post Road, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment of a 1997 Ford F250 Pickup on the 10/1/2009 Grand List. The applicant noted that the vehicle had 286,000 miles and interior and body damage including dents, rust, and a broken tail gate. He stated this was a work truck. The vehicle was present and the board members observed the truck.

#9 Ray Greenwood, 31 Grassy Hill Road, appeared before the Board to appeal the assessment of a 1974 Toyota Land Rover on the 10/1/2009 Grand List. Mr. Greenwood noted that the vehicle was primarily a farm work vehicle and infrequently used. He noted the window seals were bad; it had heavy rust, the 4 wheel drive only worked sometimes. He stated the vehicle had 520,000 miles and had many repairs with non-Toyota parts including a Chevy engine and various Chevy and Cadillac parts. The vehicle was not present for the board members to observe, but the applicant said he could go get it. The board did not feel it was necessary to visually review the car so declined the offer.

The meeting minutes from the September 11, 2010 meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to accept by Sue Graham, second by Joan Schwartz. Motion passed unanimously.

The following is a summary of actions taken by the Board of Assessment Appeals on the nine appeals heard at the September 11, 2010 and September 13, 2010 meetings:

#1 David Godbout

Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$5,190

BAA Assessment – \$4,910

Reduced Assessment based on NADA High Mileage Reduction and physical condition

Motion by Dagle, Second by Cheeseman

Motion passed unanimously

#2 Guodong Zhang

Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$4,020

BAA Assessment – \$2000

Reduced Assessment based on physical condition

Motion by Dagle, Second by Graham

Motion passed unanimously

#3 Thomas Sullivan

Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$10,250

BAA Assessment – \$9,720

Reduced Assessment based on NADA High Mileage Reduction and physical condition

Motion by Dagle, Second by Graham

Motion passed unanimously

#4 Jisung Li

Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$3,990

BAA Assessment – \$3,190

Reduced Assessment based on NADA High Mileage Reduction and physical condition

Motion by Dagle, Second by Cheeseman

Motion passed unanimously

#5 Thomas Herlihy

Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$4,530

BAA Assessment – \$500

Reduced Assessment based on PA 8-150 affidavit

Motion by Dagle, Second by Schwartz

Motion passed unanimously

#6 Andrew Radynski,

Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$2,180

BAA Assessment – \$500

Reduced Assessment based on PA 8-150 affidavit

Motion by Dagle, Second by Graham

Motion passed unanimously

#7 Kay D. Wilson

Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$2,710

BAA Assessment – \$1,470

Reduced Assessment based on physical condition

Motion by Dagle, Second by Schwartz
Motion passed unanimously

#8 William Lesick,
Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$7,070
BAA Assessment – \$4820
Reduced Assessment based on NADA High Mileage Reduction and physical condition
Motion by Dagle, Second by Schwartz
Motion passed unanimously

#9 Ray Greenwood,
Assessor's Grand List Assessment – \$5,000
BAA Assessment – \$1,200
Reduced Assessment based on physical condition
Motion by Graham, Second by Schwartz
Motion passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn was made by Joan Schwartz seconded by Paul Dagle. Motion carried unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 08:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



William Weber
Chairman Board of Assessment Appeals.
9/13/2010