

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Foley, Chairman  
Susan Graham  
Patrick Hughes  
Anne Thurlow  
Mary Ann Salvatore

FILED

Sept 12 2017 AT 3:50 AM (PM)  
*Sullivan ATC*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Mr. Foley called the meeting to order at 9:00am and noted any adjustments made are based on the NADA (National Automobile Dealers Association Appraisal Guide).

1. Joseph Woychowski- list number 516948  
Mr. Woychowski was sworn in. He has 180,000 miles on his 2000 Volkswagen Pass at. The Town values it at \$2,080; the owner values it at \$500. The condition is between poor and fair.  
The car was viewed.
2. Christina Fantoni- list number 504717  
Ms. Fantoni was sworn in. She has 31,000 miles on her 2017 Volvo XE60. The Town values it at \$30,070; the owner values it at \$22,000. The overall condition is good; it's the mileage that diminishes the value.  
The car was not viewed.
3. James Way- list number 516357  
Mr. Way was sworn in. He has 120,000 miles on his 2002 Mercedes Benz. The Town values it at \$3290; the owner values it at \$800 due to damage and rust.  
The car was viewed.
4. Eric Stanistreet- list number 514643  
Mr. Stanistreet was sworn in. The odometer says the 1999 Dodge RAM Pickup up has 160,000 miles on it but the odometer was out of service for a year, so it's not accurate. The Town values it at \$3,600; the owner said the condition is poor and is unsure of the value. Mr. Hughes viewed the truck and attested to its poor condition.
5. James Daley- list number 503534  
Mr. Daley was sworn in. He has 217,000 miles on his 2005 Dodge RAM Pickup. The Town values it at \$7,630; the owner thinks it's worth \$3,500 and noted it's unregistered and hasn't past admissions. It will take \$2,000 to have the truck up and running.  
The truck was not viewed since it could not be driven here.
6. Thomas Correia- list number 503267  
Mr. Correia was sworn in. He has 160,000 on his 2010 Chrysler Town & Country.

The Town values it at \$6,980; the owner values it \$3,500- which he believes is generous given the condition.

The car was viewed.

7. John P. Welsh Jr.- list number 516346  
Ms. Thurlow recused herself because Mr. Welsh is her cousin.  
Mr. Welsh was sworn in. He has 150,000 on his 1983 GMC 2500 Long bed pickup Truck.  
The Town values it at \$3,400; the owner values it at \$800. The owner noted the previous year it was valued at \$1,000.  
The truck was viewed.
8. April Andreoli- list number 500407  
Ms. Andreoli was sworn in. She has 242,000 miles on her 2004 Toyota Prius.  
The Town values it at \$2,520; the owner values it at \$500.  
The car was viewed.
9. Erica Correia- list number 503268  
Ms. Correia was sworn in. She has 73,400 miles on her 2015 S60 T5 Volvo and is here solely because of the mileage.  
The Town values it at \$16,810; the owner values it at \$9,000.  
The car was not viewed.
10. Eugene Wasicki- list number 516296  
Mr. Wasicki was sworn in. He is here regarding the \$275 utility trailer he bought at Harbor Freight Tools which the Town values at \$680.  
Mr. Wasicki would like the assessment to match what he paid for it.  
The trailer was not viewed.
11. Jisong Li- list number 59018  
Mr. Li was sworn in. He has 126,800 miles on his 2012 Honda Accord Ex-L.  
The Town values it at \$8,410; the owner values it at \$7,364 and the appeal is based solely on mileage.  
The car was not viewed.
12. Cecily Bradley- list number 501672  
Ms. Bradley was sworn in. She has 163,712 miles on her 2006 XC 70 Volvo.  
The Town values it at \$5,490; the owner values it at \$2,000 based on the high mileage and the all wheel drive function never working.  
This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year the car has been here so it was not viewed.
13. David Godbout- list number 505809  
Mr. Godbout asked the entire Board to step down and recuse themselves from this matter. Mr. Foley and Mr. Hughes both stepped down and Ms. Graham, Ms. Salvatore and Ms. Thurlow refused, stating it was unnecessary.

Mr. Godbout was sworn in. He asked that the Assessor be called in as a witness. Ms. Vitagliano responded that she was unavailable and in the building solely for janitorial duties- i.e. letting the

Board into the building and would be happy to speak with him on Monday. Ms. Graham clarified that no testimony from the Assessor is needed for these proceedings.

Mr. Godbout has 55,000 miles on his 2012 Honda Insight.

The Town values it at \$6,190; the owner values it at \$5,587 based on Edmunds standards which allow for average condition.

The car was not viewed.

14. David Godbout- list number 505807

Mr. Godbout was still sworn in.

His 2007 Nissan Altima was reduced to \$3,090 by the Town last year and he would like to see it reduced to \$2,963 based solely on the rough condition of the car.

## DELIBERATIONS

1. Joseph Woychowski #516948

Ms. Graham moved to \$500 based on the NADA guide.

Ms. Salvatore seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

2. Christine Fantoni #504717

Ms. Thurlow moved to reduce the value to \$25,820.

Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

3. James Way #516357

Ms. Graham motioned to reduce the value to \$1,110 based on the NADA guide.

Ms. Salvatore seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

4. Eric Stanistreet #514643

Ms. Salvatore motioned to reduce the value to \$750 based on the NADA guide.

Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

5. James Daley #503534

Mr. Foley moved to adjust the assessment to \$4,175 based on the NADA guide.

Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

6. Thomas Correia #503267

Mr. Hughes moved to adjust the assessment to \$4,000 based on the NADA guide and very poor condition of the vehicle.

Ms. Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

7. John P. Welsh, Jr. #516346

Ms. Thurlow recused herself.

Mr. Hughes noted the value of the truck went up because it's now considered a classic car and moved to lower the assessment to \$3,000 based on the condition of the vehicle.

Ms. Salvatore seconded the motion. Motion passed: 4-0.

8. April Andreoli #500407

Mr. Foley moved to lower the assessment to \$1850 based on the NADA guide.

Ms. Salvatore seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

9. Erica Correia #503268  
Mr. Hughes moved to adjust the assessment to \$13,300 based on the NADA guide.  
Ms. Salvatore seconded the motion. Ms. Salvatore seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.
  10. Eugene Wasicki #516296  
Ms. Salvatore moved the assessment be adjusted to reflect the purchase price of \$275.  
Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.
  11. Jisong Li #509018  
Mr. Foley moved to lower the assessment to \$7,700 based on the NADA guide.  
Ms. Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.
  12. Cecily Bradley #501672  
Ms. Graham moved the reduction to \$2380 which was made last year; remain at this amount for this year.  
Ms. Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.
  13. David Godbout #505809  
Ms. Graham moved to lower the assessment to \$5,040.  
Ms. Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed: 3-0.
  14. David Godbout #505807  
Ms. Graham moved to lower the assessment to \$3,090.  
Ms. Thurlow seconded the motion. Motion passed: 3-0.
- Ms. Graham moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:07pm.  
Mr. Foley seconded the motion. Motion passed: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brooke Stevens  
Recording Secretary