

Town of East Lyme  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
September 8, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:**

Mike Foley  
Patrick Hughes (Arrived at 10:27 a.m.)  
William Mather  
Anthony Attanasio

FILED IN EAST LYME  
CONNECTICUT  
Sept 11, 2018 AT 10:20 AM/PM  
B. Flanagan ATC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**Members Absent:**

Susan Graham

Mr. Foley called the Board of Assessment Appeals Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**I. Appeals-**

**1) Jerry Brown- 149 Upper Pattagansett Road- no list # provided.**

Mr. Foley swore in Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown explained he has a 20 year old utility trailer; he paid \$975 for it so after 20 years it's not much of a value. He thinks it's worth \$200 as opposed to the \$280 the Town has it assessed at.

**2) Roy Ebersole- 80 Corey Lane- List # 17M504446**

Mr. Foley swore in Mr. Ebersole.

Mr. Ebersole explained he has a Honda Sonata that was in a wreck last year which essentially gives the car an auction value as opposed to a regular sale; trade in value is \$10,000-\$12,000. He supplied the Board with a print out from Car Fax showing these details. The Town has the car assessed at \$19,000 and Mr. Ebersole feels its assessment should be \$14,500.

**3) Joseph Woychowski- 333 Boston Post Road- List #17M516956**

Mr. Foley swore in Mr. Woychowski.

Mr. Woychowski said he has a 2000 Volkswagen Passat which the Town has valued at \$2,020. He was here last year and was able to get it reduced by \$500; it has 187,000 miles on it. He added he would not in a million years be able to get \$2,600 for it if he sold the car.

**4) Paulette Meijer- 97 W Main Street, Apt. 60- List #510384**

Mr. Foley swore in Ms. Meijer.

Ms. Meijer said she was here in the spring regarding her 2011 Ford E450 which serves as a mobile yarn boutique. The vehicle was purchased for \$1500 and has over 301,000 miles on it; it's a rebuilt salvage vehicle which is why she was able to get it lowered in the spring. She is hoping to get it lowered again today given the condition and high mileage.

## **II. Deliberations-**

### **1) Jerry Brown- 149 Upper Pattagansett Road- no list # provided.**

Mr. Foley moved to adjust the assessment on the 1998 Karavan Trailer to 200 as presented. Mr. Attanasio seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0-0.

### **2) Roy Ebersole- 80 Corey Lane- List # 17M504446**

The Board discussed whether a wreck diminishes the taxable value of a vehicle and how/if Car Fax could be quantified. The Board discussed how reducing the assessment would set a precedent and opted to send this item back to the Assessor for further policy review. The Board took no action.

### **3) Joseph Woychowski- 333 Boston Post Road- List #17M516956**

Mr. Foley moved to grant the appeal as presented. Mr. Mather seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0-0.

### **4) Paulette Meijer- 97 W Main Street, Apt. 60- Account # 510384**

Mr. Foley moved to adjust the assessment of the salvage vehicle to \$1500. Mr. Attanasio seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0-0.

## **III. Appeals Continued-**

### **5) Karen Bassett- 1 Amberly Lane- No List # provided**

Mr. Foley swore in Ms. Bassett.

Ms. Bassett explained she has a 2011 Subaru Outback which she thinks is overvalued since it has 162,500 miles on it. She said the car is worth \$5,000 and she has since sold the car. Mr. Foley explained any change would obviously be retroactive since she has sold the car. The Town has the car assessed at \$12,375.

## **IV. Appeals Continued-**

### **6) Bruce Ashley- 81 Quarry Dock Road- No List # provided**

Mr. Foley swore in Mr. Ashley.

Mr. Ashley explained he has a 2006 Dodge Ram Pickup Truck assessed at \$16,810. He said it's a bit of a rust bucket and just wants to make sure it's an accurate assessment. He thinks the truck is worth \$12,500 and the reason for his appeal is general condition. Mr. Mather and Mr. Attanasio viewed the truck.

## **V. Deliberations Continued-**

**5) Karen Bassett- 1 Amberly Lane- No List # provided**

Mr. Attanasio reviewed the NADA mileage table.

Mr. Attanasio moved to adjust the appraised value from \$12,700 to \$10,125.

Mr. Mather seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0-0.

**6) Bruce Ashley- 81 Quarry Dock Road- No List # provided**

Mr. Attanasio said you can see erosion underneath and tell the sides have been replaced but it's in good condition.

Mr. Foley moved to take no action. Motion carried, 3-0-0.

**VI. Appeals Continued-**

**7) Paul Mock- 41 Whiting Farms Lane- No List # provided**

Mr. Foley swore in Mr. Mock.

Mr. Mock explained he has a 2009 Hyundai Sonata with 274,243 miles on it. The Town has the car assessed at \$3,500 and the appeal is based on high mileage.

**VII. Deliberations Continued-**

**7) Paul Mock- 41 Whiting Farms Lane- No List # provided**

Mr. Foley moved to adjust the appraised value to \$3,430.

Mr. Mather seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0-0.

Mr. Hughes arrived at 10:27 a.m.

**VIII. Appeals Continued-**

**8) Guy Fatone- 456 Main Street- List # 504754**

Mr. Foley swore Mr. Fatone in.

Mr. Fatone said he has a 2003 VW Jetta Wagon which the Town has at \$3,130. He thinks it's worth \$600 since it has 169,000 miles on it. The appeal is based on mileage and overall condition. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mather went to view the vehicle.

**9) John Brewster- 44 Flanders Road- No list # provided**

Mr. Foley swore in Mr. Brewster.

Mr. Brewster said he has a 2006 Subaru Baja that has 224,000 miles on it. The Town has the car assessed at \$7,220 and due to the high mileage he thinks it should be \$4,000- \$5,000.

**IX. Deliberations Continued-**

**8) Guy Fatone- 456 Main Street- List # 504754**

Mr. Hughes consulted the NADA guide and moved to adjust the appraised value to \$2,075.  
Mr. Mather seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0-0.

**9) John Brewster- 44 Flanders Road- No list # provided**

Mr. Hughes consulted the NADA guide and moved to adjust the appraised value to \$4,200.  
Mr. Attanasio seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0-0.

**X. Appeals Continued-**

**10) David Godbout- 15 Cardinal Road- List # 505809 & 505807**

Mr. Hughes, Mr. Foley, and Mr. Mather recused themselves from this matter. Mr. Godbout filed his motion asking that Mr. Foley and Mr. Hughes have nothing to do with this case. He said there is no longer a quorum and he expects to be contacted with a new date and full Board. He suggested that Mr. Foley, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mather resign from the Board and new members be appointed.

**XI. Deliberations Continued-**

**10) David Godbout- 15 Cardinal Road- List # 505809 & 505807**

Mr. Attanasio took no action.

**XII. Appeals Continued-**

**11) Cecily Bradley- 52 Giant's Neck Road- List # 501672**

Mr. Foley swore in Ms. Bradley.

Ms. Bradley said her 2006 XC 70 Volvo has 172,286 miles on it. The Town values it at \$2,650 and the owner values it at \$2,000 based on the high mileage and the all wheel drive function never working. This is the 6th year Ms. Bradley has come here regarding this car, so it was not viewed.

**XIII. Deliberations Continued-**

**11) Cecily Bradley- 52 Giant's Neck Road- List # 501672**

Mr. Hughes moved to adjust the appraised value from \$2,650 to \$2,140.  
Mr. Attanasio seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0-0.

**XIV. New Business-**

The Board briefly discussed the previous request for Bylaws. They tabled this matter until they hear back from the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Assessment Appeals meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary

