Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals **Regular Meeting Minutes** Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:00 a.m. – Room 203 – Town Hall

Property Owners in the Town of Montville are hereby notified that the Board of Assessment Appeals will meet during the month of March at Town Hall for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to assessments of Real Estate, and Personal Property for the October 1, 2014 Grand List as well as the 2013 Supplemental Motor Vehicle assessments.

All persons wishing to appeal their assessments on the Grand List of October 1, 2014 were required to submit an appeal form by February 20, 2015.

Hearings will be held by appointment on the following dates:Tuesday, March 10, 20156:00 p.m.Wednesday, March 11, 20156:00 p.m.Saturday, March 14, 20159:00 a.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 203.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pike called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Assessment Appeals to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Roll Call Present were Board Members Jon Chase, Stan Gwudz, and Wills Pike. Also present was Assessor's Clerk Jerl Casey.
- Additions to the Agenda Motion made by Board Member Chase, seconded by Board Member Gwudz, to add the following item to the agenda:

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2014 Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2014
Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Pike. Voice vote, 2-0-1.
Voting in Favor: Board Members Gwudz and Pike. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Board Member Chase. Motion carried.

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5. To consider and act on a motion to hear appeals brought to the Board of Assessment Appeals regarding personal property and real estate for the Grand List of October 1, 2014.

## Personal Property Appeal of David Hickey, Thomas G. Faria Corporation, for property located at 385 Route 32, Account #F4017800

Chairman Pike stated that Mr. David Hickey, Thomas G. Faria Corporation, whom the Board agreed to meet with and receive the necessary documentation to support his appeal, will be unable to do so given the limited timeframe.

## Real Estate Appeal of Xiu Mei Lu for property located at 1100 Route 32, Account #J0448500

Steve and Eric Chen were sworn in by Board Member Chase. The Appellants are seeking a reduction of the appraised value of the property from \$832,500.00 to \$700,000.00 as appraised by Eastern Savings Bank in June 2014 and for which the property was purchased by the Appellant in September 2014. The current total annual income received on the property by the existing tenants is \$111,840.00. Those tenants whose leases have expired are currently renting their respective space on a month-to-month basis. The Appellant verified the accuracy of the information regarding the income and leases on the property as verbally stated and stated that no changes have been made.

# Personal Property Appeal of Jo Michaelson, Montville Veterinary Associates, for property located at 907-B Route 32, Account #Z7052

Jo Michaelson was sworn in by Board Member Chase. Dr. Michaelson is seeking a reduction of \$11,630.000 in the valuation of personal property due to a clerical error. She noted that two bookkeeping/accounting errors were made in their declaration for the years 2013 and 2014, respectively. In 2013, a piece of equipment was overlooked and declared in 2014. In 2014, the bookkeeper entered a piece of new equipment, which was acquired in 2014, twice. The item was entered by the accountant, accordingly, resulting in the double taxation of the item.

### Personal Property Appeal of Hyman Companies, Landau N, for property located at One Mohegan Sun Boulevard Account #L2001131

Hyman Companies was not present for their Appeal.

### Personal Property Appeal of Matthew Kobyluck, Kobyluck Sand & Gravel, Inc., 170 Oxoboxo Dam Road, Account #K4026500

Matthew Kobyluck was sworn in by Board Member Chase. Mr. Kobyluck is seeking a manufacturing exemption. He stated that, though they have submitted their Personal Property Declaration Form, Manufacturer's Exemption Declaration of Personal Property Affidavit, and Manufacturing Machinery Exemption Claim, the credits do not appear to have been considered by the Tax Assessor's office. He confirmed that the equipment is utilized in their manufacturing process. While he is unsure as to whether the Planning & Zoning Department

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recognizes the company as a manufacturing entity, he stated that the company is recognized as such by both the Federal and State Governments. In addition, the property has always been used in the manufacturing process, having been a gravel pit since 1980 and having received the exemption since 1985 when the business came into existence. Furthermore, he believed that the exemption is received by the State rather than a Town for which the Town is later reimbursed. Questioned about the large difference in his personal property assessment from the previous year, he stated that equipment is utilized in various municipalities and is claimed accordingly.

Board Member Chase departed from the meeting to attend a funeral.

## Personal Property Appeal for Simos Fatiodis, Japan Karate Association of Montville, for property located at 1242 Old Colchester Road, Account #K2005006

Andrew Bakoledis was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Mr. Bakoledis is seeking a reduction in his personal property assessment from \$8,200.00 to \$3,567.00 and submitted his Personal Property Declaration Form. Because the previously provided information listing his personal property and that which is indicated on the Declaration Form does not coincide, it was requested that he review the list(s), make any necessary corrections, and turn in both the List and the Form to the Town Assessor's office prior to the Board's deliberation on Wednesday, March 18.

# Real Estate Appeal of Andrew Bakoledis for property located at 60 Pheasant Run, Account #O9900035

Mr. Bakoledis is seeking a reduction in the appraised value of his property from \$305,980.00 to \$240,000.00 based upon erroneous information noted on the Vision Property Card, which indicates that the basement is finished (assessed at \$10,000.00) and the home contains three (3) bathrooms. Due to costs and other issues, the basement was never completed. In addition, the home contains two (2) rather than three (3) bathrooms.

# Real Estate Appeal of Leo and Mary Archambault for property located at 641 Route 32, Account #C9500006

Leo Archambault was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Mr. Archambault is appealing the 10% penalty fee for the late filing his income and expense report. He provided the background and history of his dealings with the owners of Dunkin' Donuts, which is located on his property, the inadequate service he is receiving from the Post Office, and personal issues, which resulted in the delayed receipt of the notice from the Town. His tax bills have always been paid in advance of their due dates.

### 5. Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Chairman Pike, to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m. Voice vote, 2-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville