

Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, September 8, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.  
Room 102 – Montville Town Hall

All owners of motor vehicles registered in the Town of Montville, CT are hereby warned that the Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of Montville will meet in open session at the Montville Town Hall on Saturday, September 8, 2012 in Room 203 commencing at 9:00 a.m. for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles.

All persons claiming to be aggrieved by the doings of the Assessor of the Town of Montville with regard to motor vehicles assessment on the Grand List of October 1, 2011 are hereby warned to make their appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals at this meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Mattson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. after establishing a quorum. She apologized for the room change, stating the doors to Room 203 were locked and the Board could not access it. Signs were posted on the front door and on the post going upstairs to let the public know where the meeting was moved to.

2. Roll Call

Present were Board Members Geary, Wilson, Mattson and Pike (alternate). Also present was Town Assessor Lucy Beit.

3. Approval of the meeting minutes of;

- a. April 5, 2012;
- b. April 10, 2012;
- c. April 11, 2012;
- d. April 14, 2012;
- e. April 17, 2012;
- f. April 18, 2012.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary, discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

4. To consider and act on a motion to hear appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2011.

Motion made by Board Member Geary, seconded by Board Member Wilson, discussion; none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

**Mr. Jason Matthewson, 229 Route 163 Apt. #4, Uncasville, CT was present to discuss a 2001 Saturn SL1, Vin #1G8ZH52831Z309730, List #60251.**

Board Member Geary swore in Mr. Matthewson for the record.

Mr. Matthewson stated his car has high mileage (one hundred and seventy six thousand miles) and has significant damage to the interior. He presented a list of repairs that the car requires at this time as well as the repairs he has recently made to the vehicle, stating it is a work in progress and he uses the car primarily for transportation to and from work. He presented his previous tax bills, stating that in his opinion the car has been over assessed and asked the Board to consider a reduction in the assessment of his vehicle due to the high mileage and condition of the vehicle. He stated the car would not get a good trade in value due its condition if he was to trade it in or try to sell it.

**Mr. Kenneth Thomas, Wireless Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 374, Uncasville, CT was present to discuss the assessment of a 2004 Tow Master T12T, Vin #4KNTT16204L161933, List #65947.**

Mr. Thomas distributed a letter to the Board dated and Board Member Wilson read the letter into the record. The letter states Mr. Thomas believes his assessments have manifestly been over assessed for the past three years and is asking for reimbursement from the town for the overage over the past three years. Mr. Thomas distributed copies of his assessments over the past three years as well as the registrations for the trailers as well as copies of comparable trailers from surrounding towns as compared to his trailer registered in the Town of Montville. He indicated the assessments from the surrounding towns are much lower than his. He is requesting from the Board a fair and correct assessment for his property. He expects the Board to do the right thing and to make sure his property is assessed properly or he will have to take legal action.

**Mr. and Mrs. Adam Leiser, 27 Ortega Drive, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss the assessment of a 2005 Toyota Camry, Vin #4T1BE30K55U407353, List #59085.**

Board Member Geary swore Mr. Leiser in for the record.

Mr. Leiser submitted the Blue Book value for the car, stating the Camry has two hundred and thirty thousand miles and has significant damage, bringing down the value of the car. He

estimates the car is worth three or four thousand dollars at best and is requesting a reduction in his assessment from the Board.

**Mr. and Mrs. Adam Leiser, 27 Ortega Drive, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss the assessment of a 2002 Honda CRV, Vin #SHSRD78872U001268, List #59086.**

Mr. Leiser submitted the Blue Book value for the car, stating it has one hundred and seventy thousand miles and has significant damage to the exterior of the car. He feels the assessment is high for the condition and mileage on the car and is requesting a reduction in his assessment.

**Mr. Harry S. Walencyk, 124 Black Ash Road, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss his 2009 Wildcat 30SLBS, Vin #4X4FWCF279V021389, List #66803.**

Board Member Geary swore Mr. Walencyk in for the record.

Mr. Walencyk discussed the camper trailer and distributed copies of the current and previous assessments as well as the Blue Book value for the camper. He is requesting a reduction in his assessment based on the evidence he submitted justifying its worth.

**Mr. Harry S. Walencyk, 124 Black Ash Road, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss his 2008 Ford Edge, Vin #2FMDK48C58BA12099, list #66802.**

Board Member Geary swore in Mr. Walencyk for the record.

Mr. Walencyk distributed copies of the Kelly Blue Book value of the car and stated based on the Blue Book value he has been over assessed and requested a reduction in his assessment.

**Mr. Mark and Mrs. Darlene Soper, 1558 Route 163, Oakdale, CT, 1986 Ford Mason Dump Truck, Vin #1FDKF3814GKA28108, List #65067.**

Board Member Geary swore Mr. Soper in for the record.

Mr. Soper stated his assessment went up two thousand dollars this year and he does not understand why this happened. He is requesting a reduction in his assessment to fourteen hundred dollars as this was his assessment last year and he has not made any improvements to the vehicle and it should not increase in value over the years. He indicated he purchased the dump truck twenty years ago for six thousand dollars and it currently is not in good condition and has high mileage. He stated he uses the truck rarely but does not get rid of it because he on occasion requires the use of a dump truck.

**Ms. Mary and Mr. Thomas Muscarella, 4 Wimberly Drive, Oakdale, CT, 2006 Subaru Impreza, Vin #JF1GD67686H500956, List #61483.**

Board Member Geary swore Ms. Muscarella in for the record.

Ms. Muscarella requested a reduction in her assessment due to the high mileage and the poor condition of the vehicle. She stated her daughter uses the car to go back and forth to college and is not in great shape.

**Ms. Mary and Mr. Thomas Muscarella, 4 Wimberly Drive, Oakdale, CT, 2011 Subaru Outback, Vin#4S4BRBGC4B3312488.**

Ms. Muscarella stated the vehicle has thirty three thousand miles and she considers this to be high for the year of the vehicle. She requested a reduction from the Board taking into consideration the high mileage on the car.

**Mr. Christopher and Ms. Kerri Lawton, 66 Church Road, Oakdale, was present to discuss the assessment of his 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan, Vin #ID8HN54P58B158442.**

Board Member Geary swore Mr. Lawton in for the record.

Mr. Lawton stated his assessment is more than the vehicle is worth and he is requesting a reduction to reflect the actual value and he submitted his documentation from the Kelly Blue Book to the Board for consideration.

5. To consider and act on a motion to act on appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2011.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary, discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

**Mr. Jason Matthewson, 229 Route 163 Apt. #4, Uncasville, CT 2001 Saturn SL1, Vin #1G8ZH52831Z309730, List #60251.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the request for reduction and determined the car does have excessive mileage and is in poor condition and this should be reflected in the assessment.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment of the 2001 Saturn SL1 to one thousand four hundred and eighty five dollars from the original two thousand five hundred and twenty dollar assessment, taking into consideration the mileage and condition of the vehicle. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried and the appeal was granted.

**Mr. Kenneth Thomas, Wireless Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 374, Uncasville, CT was present to discuss the assessment of a 2004 Tow Master T12T, Vin #4KNTT16204L161933, List #65947.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the appeal request and determined a reduction in the assessment is warranted based on the comparables provided by the tax payer.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment from five thousand six hundred and eighty dollars to two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor and the appeal was granted.

**Mr. and Mrs. Adam Leiser, 27 Ortega Drive, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss the assessment of a 2005 Toyota Camry, Vin #4T1BE30K55U407353, List #59085.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the appeal and determined a reduction is warranted due to the high mileage on the vehicle.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment of the 2005 Toyota Camry from seven thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars to five thousand one hundred and thirty dollars. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried and the appeal was granted.

**Mr. and Mrs. Adam Leiser, 27 Ortega Drive, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss the assessment of a 2002 Honda CRV, Vin #SHSRD78872U001268, List #59086.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the appeal and determined a reduction is warranted due to high mileage on the vehicle.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment of the 2002 Honda CRV from six thousand five hundred and sixty dollars to six thousand one hundred and sixty dollars. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried and the appeal was granted.

**Mr. Harry S. Walencyk, 124 Black Ash Road, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss his 2009 Wildcat 305 LBS, Vin #4X4FWCF279V0211389, List #66803.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the assessment of the vehicle and determined the assessment is valid.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to deny the request for the 2009 Wildcat. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried and the appeal was denied.

**Mr. Harry S. Walencyk, 124 Black Ash Road, Oakdale, CT was present to discuss his 2008 Ford Edge, Vin #2FMDK48C58BA12099, list #66802.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the assessment of the vehicle and determined a reduction is warranted due to the high mileage on the car.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment of the 2008 Ford Edge from fourteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars to fourteen thousand six hundred dollars. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried and the appeal was granted.

**Mr. Mark and Mrs. Darlene Soper, 1558 Route 163, Oakdale, CT, 1986 Ford Mason Dump Truck, Vin #1FDKF3814GKA28108, List #65067.**

The Board discussed the assessment of the vehicle and determined a reduction is warranted due to the age of the vehicle.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment of the 1986 Ford F150 Dump truck from three thousand two hundred forty dollars to two thousand five hundred dollars. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried and the appeal was granted.

**Ms. Mary and Mr. Thomas Muscarella, 4 Wimberly Drive, Oakdale, CT, 2006 Subaru Impreza, Vin #JF1GD67686H500956, List #61483.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the appeal and determined the original assessment is valid.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to deny the appeal request for the 2006 Subaru Impreza. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, appeal denied and the assessment will remain at seven thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars.

**Ms. Mary and Mr. Thomas Muscarella, 4 Wimberly Drive, Oakdale, CT, 2011 Subaru Outback, Vin#4S4BRBGC4B3312488.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the appeal request and determined a reduction in the assessment is warranted because of the high mileage on the car.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment of the 2006 Subaru Impreza from eighteen thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars to eighteen thousand sixty dollars. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

**Mr. Christopher and Ms. Kerri Lawton, 66 Church Road, Oakdale, 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan, Vin #ID8HN54P58B158442.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the appeal request and determined a reduction in the assessment is warranted due to high mileage.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to reduce the assessment of the 2008 Grand Caravan from twelve thousand one hundred thirty dollars to eleven thousand one hundred dollars. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried and the appeal was granted.

6. Remarks from the Public – none.
7. Remarks from the Board – none.
8. Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Geary to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville.

