

Town of Montville
Board of Assessment Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2017
9:00 a.m. – Room 102 – 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, 2016 Grand List as well as the 2015 Supplemental Motor Vehicle assessments.

All persons wishing to appeal their assessments on the Grand List of October 1, 2016 were required to submit an appeal form by February 17, 2017.

Hearings will be held by appointment on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 11, 2017 9:00 a.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 102.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pike called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Board Members Stanley Gwudz, Wills Pike, and Florence Turner. Also present was Town Assessor Lucy Beit.

3. 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, 2016.

Personal Property Appeal of Wayne & Jean Casso, Pequot Ledge Campground, Unit 34, 1994 Ford F350FSU Recreational Vehicle, Account #C2016010

Wayne Casso was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Mr. Casso stated that the RV resides in the town of Cheshire for eight (8) months of the year and, as such, the property tax for the RV is paid for in Cheshire. The RV resided for the first time last year at Pequot Ledge from May to September.

Personal Property Appeal of David Harutunian, 74 Laurel Lock, Trailer, Account #H2009215

David Harutunian was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Mr. Harutunian questioned the reasoning behind the significant increase in the assessment for the trailer, which he estimates the value at \$2,900.00.

Personal Property Appeal of Elizabeth Grady, Laurel Lock Campground, Account #G2010897, 2004 Jayco Jay Flight 29FBS Recreational Vehicle

Anthony Ferrante and Elizabeth Grady were sworn in by Chairman Pike. Ms. Grady questioned the reasoning behind the increase in her assessment, which she estimates at \$4,200.00. She added that, after ten (10) years, the value of an RV significantly decreases and most seasonal campgrounds will not accept them. The trailer resides on the property year-round. A deck and small plastic shed also reside on the property. The RV, though weathered, is in fair condition and not transportable. The Appellant was informed that the NADA (National Automobile Dealers Association) recently raised the value of the trailers in the region.

Personal Property Appeal of Wayne Crossway, Laurel Lock Campground, 2007 36' Dutchman, Account #C2010550

Wayne Crossway was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Mr. Crossway questioned the reasoning behind the increase in his assessment of nearly \$4,000.00. He estimates the value at \$5,800.00. A 10' X 24' deck and an approximately 8' X 10' wood shed in less than fair condition also resides on the property. The Camper, which is in fair condition, has incurred some damage to the awning and has had roof leaks and some water damage is evident in the interior.

Personal Property Appeal of Tammy Lapenta, Sweet Frog, 2020 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Account #S2014106

Jen Strickland, representing Tammy Lapenta, *Sweet Frog*, was sworn in by Chairman Pike. She provided an Agent Authorization form and stated that Ms. Lapenta was informed that the Town did not receive her Declaration Form and felt that the assessed value should be \$114,917.00. The currently assessed value of \$169,490.00 includes a 25% penalty fee, which is non-negotiable.

4. Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Chairman Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville