

**Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

September 16, 2017

Room 203 – 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 16, 2017 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 assessed on the Grand List of October 1, 2016 are hereby warned to make their appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals at this meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Pike called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Board Members Stanley Gwudz, Wills Pike and Florence Turner. Also present were Assessor Lucy Beit and Assessor Clerk Rachel Ferreira.

3. Approval of the:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2017

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Gwudz.

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, 2016.

**Dana L. Shelley, 2004 Mercury Sable LS, Account #64477/64256**

Paul Shelley, acting as agent for his daughter, Dana Shelley was sworn in by Board Member Pike. He is seeking a reduction in assessment based on the high mileage of the vehicle and supplied the Board with a value estimate from a car dealer, Crest Ford, in the amount of \$200. He stated the car is drivable and has new tires.

Motion made by Board Member Pike, seconded by Board Member Gwudz, to maintain the current assessment of \$2,700. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Sean F. Decora, 2001 Ford F150, Account #53952/53926**

Sean Decora was sworn in by Board Member Pike. He requested a reduction in assessment due to the high mileage of the vehicle. The Board exited the room to inspect the vehicle and confirm the mileage. The mileage was verified at 312,000 miles.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Gwudz to reduce the current assessment of \$3,820 to \$2,000. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**William C. Thiel, 2004 Chevrolet Silverado, Account #65712/65486**

**William C. Thiel, 1999 Ford F550 Super Duty, Account #65714/65488**

William Thiel was sworn in by the Board. He questioned the method of valuation employed by the Assessor's Office. He stated NADA clean retail value should not be used as it does not represent his market value. With regards to his 2004 Chevrolet Silverado, the Board exited the room to verify the mileage. The mileage was 139,000.

Motion made by Board Member Pike, seconded by Board Member Turner to maintain the current assessment of \$4,430. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

William Thiel also appealed the assessment of the 1999 Ford F550 Super Duty. The taxes went up \$34 over the previous year which he felt was not appropriate.

Motion made by Board Member Pike, seconded by Board Member Turner to maintain the current assessment of \$12,330. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Christopher Colon-Millan, 2014 Paughco Sportster Motorcycle, Account #53207/53184**

Christopher Colon-Millan was sworn in by Board Member Turner. He provided proof to the Board showing the Motor Cycle was a composite vehicle. The frame was a 2014 but he assembled the component parts from an old 1993 Sportster. He asked for a reduction to the assessment. He felt the motorcycle was worth \$2,000.

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Turner to reduce the assessment of \$5,150 to \$1,400. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Adam Dorflinger, 2008 Yamaha YZF-R1 Motorcycle, Account #77434/67434**

Adam Dorflinger was sworn in by Board Member Turner. He appealed the assessment of the Motorcycle due to high mileage. The Board exited to inspect the vehicle and confirm the mileage. The mileage was verified at 70,187.

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Turner to reduce the assessment of \$5,100 to \$4,200. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Norman H. Hotchkiss, Jr., 1988 Chevrolet P30, Account #57132/57086**

Norman Hotchkiss was sworn in by Board Member Turner. He appealed his 1988 Recreational Vehicle Winnebago Super Chief 31RQ (on a Chevrolet frame) due to the age and condition. The vehicle was not available for inspection as he sold it in June.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Gwudz to reduce the assessment of \$7,210 to \$5,250. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Bruce A. Wisniewski, 1984 Chevrolet K20, Account #67156/66913**

Bruce Wisniewski was sworn in by Board Member Turner. He explained that his 1984 truck with an 8 foot bed was used to carry a 2007 Bigfoot camper, 2500 series. His request to reduce the assessment was based on the condition of both truck and camper component and

the high mileage of the truck. He consulted a dealer. He claimed the truck mileage to be 200,000. The truck and camper were not available for inspection.

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Turner to reduce the assessment from \$15,260 to \$13,600. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Terrance Maher, 2005 Chrysler Town and Country, Account #59845/59768**

Terrance Maher was sworn in by Board Member Turner. He appealed the assessment of the van based on the condition and mileage. He stated the value of \$1,000 was more accurate. The Board exited the room to inspect the vehicle and verify the mileage. The mileage was 235,000 and the vehicle had a smashed fender.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by board Member Gwudz to reduce the assessment of \$3,550 to \$2,700. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

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, 2016.

*See item 4 above.*

6. To consider and act on a motion to approve the 2018 meeting dates as follows:

- a. March 5, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- b. March 7, 2018 at 6 p.m.
- c. March 10, 2018 at 9 a.m.
- d. March 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
- e. September 15, 2018 9 a.m.

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7. Remarks from the Public

8. Remarks from the Board

Board Member Pike thanked everyone for their hard work for the Board of Assessment Appeals. Also, Board Member Gwudz will not be running for re-election. This was his last session. He was thanked for his hard work for the Board of Assessment Appeals and his dedication to such.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Voice vote, 3-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lucy Beit, Acting Recording Secretary for the Board of Assessment Appeals