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#### **Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals**

Property owners in the Town of Montville are hereby notified that the Board of Assessment Appeals will meet during the month of September at Town Hall for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to assessments of motor vehicles for the October 1, 2009 Grand List.

Hearings will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.; and Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Rosetta Jones, Chairperson of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

#### **General Information and Guidelines for all Appeals Meetings**

The Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals held meetings on Tuesday, September 14 and Thursday, September 16, 2010 for the purpose of assessment appeals against the October 1, 2009, Real Estate and Personal Property Grand List and the October, 2008 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Grand List. Notice of the Special Meetings were posted and held at Town Hall in the Assessor's Office to determine decisions for the appeals heard. A Special Meeting was posted and held at the Town Hall. Appeals Petition forms were not required for Motor Vehicle Appeal hearings. However, Antique Vehicle Affidavit forms (which list the specifications to be met) were available for completion by the owner if the vehicle(s) qualified.

Each person seeking to appeal their assessment appeared in person or had a duly authorized agent to represent them; or the appeal was not heard. Meetings were held in open session. All appellants were sworn in by Ms. Ann Mattson. The minutes are compiled using the actual order of the meeting appointments, dates and times.

#### Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 14, 2010 6:00 p.m. – Montville Town Hall – Assessor's Office

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals will conduct a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville Town Hall in the Assessor's Office.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present were Board Members Rosetta Jones, Ann Mattson and Richard Wilson. Also present was Assistant Town of Montville Tax Assessor, Maryanne Lesieur.

Motion made by Board Member Mattson, seconded by Board Member Wilson to approve the meeting minutes of the March appeals as submitted. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting minutes approved.

## 3. To hear and decide appeals brought before the Board of Assessment Appeals regarding motor vehicles.

Motion made by Board Member Mattson, seconded by Board Member Wilson to start hearings regarding motor vehicle assessment appeals. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 3-0, all in favor, motion carried. Hearings started at 6:00 p.m.

# 6:00 p.m., Kathleen Hawkins, 1691 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT, horse trailer assessment appeal.

Ms. Hawkins addressed the Commission stating the assessment on her 2004 Hawk horse trailer has tripled this year. Ms. Hawkins presented her original bill of sale and indicated she purchased the trailer as a left over new model in 2005. She stated she could purchase a new trailer of the same brand and model this year for two thousand more than it is currently being assessed. She presented comparable trailers currently for sale and a listing for a new comparable horse trailer.

Motion made by Board Member Mattson, seconded by Board Member Wilson to approve an assessment reduction for the 2004 Hawk horse trailer owned by Kathleen Hawkins of 1691 Norwich New London Turnpike in Uncasville to \$5,000. Discussion: none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried. Assessment appeal granted.

**6:30 p.m., Louise Dickens, James Hoznor** discussed the assessment of a 2005 Freightliner tractor trailer. The assessment has gone up from approximately thirty thousand last year to eighty seven thousand five hundred this year. A discussion was held regarding a boom that was attached to the truck and whether or not it was assessed as personal property or as part of the motor vehicle in past years. Mr. Hoznor purchased the truck in 2005 for \$163,000 and sold it for \$85,000 with the boom last December when his welding business closed. Since that time a pro-rated adjustment has been made to reflect the new assessment of twenty one thousand eight hundred and seventy five dollars. Mr. Hoznor stated he will come in to pay the pro-rated bill for the assessment this week and stated there is no need for the Board to make a decision regarding this appeal.

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#### Special Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 17, 2010 6:00 p.m. – Montville Town Hall – Assessor's Office

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals will conduct a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville Town Hall in the Assessor's Office.

## 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

Present were Board Members Rosetta Jones, Ann Mattson and Richard Wilson. Also present was Town of Montville Tax Assessor, Lucy Beit.

## 3. To hear and decide appeals brought before the Board regarding personal property, real estate and motor vehicles.

Motion made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Mattson. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

## 6:00 p.m., James Sawders, Jr., 27 Lisa Lane, Uncasville, CT.

Mr. Sawders is contesting his assessment of his 1995 Pontiac Bonneville, it is assessed at \$2,170 and he stated this is a higher amount than he anticipated. He discussed the high mileage on the car and stated the value has increased this year. The care has 155,136 miles on it and is considerably rusted and would like it assessed to reflect the high mileage and condition of the vehicle. The NADA book indicates the high mileage of the car and condition of the car is typical of the age of the vehicle. The assessment of the vehicle last year was \$2,050. He does think anyone would purchase the vehicle for the amount of money it has been assessed for. Chairperson Jones explained the process and how the Board is instructed to determine the value of motor vehicles for assessment purposes. The Board determined the assessment for this vehicle is consistent with NADA book values and was assessed appropriately.

Motion made by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to deny the request because the assessment is consistent with the NADA value of the vehicle. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried. Appeal request denied.

## 4. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Discussion: none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

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Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville