

Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 12, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

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, Saturday, September 12, 2015 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, 2014 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 Jon Chase, Stan Gwudz, and Wills Pike. Also present was Assessor Lucy Beit.

3. Approval of the:

a. Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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

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, 2014.

Motion made by Board Member Chase, seconded by Board Member Gwudz. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Edward McDonnell, 1999 Palomino Palace, Account No. 60294

Mr. McDonnell was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Mr. McDonnell purchased the camper in 2012 after it was converted into a flatbed trailer due to a tree having fallen upon the camper. Upon purchase, the camper was registered as a trailer, but is now being assessed as a camper. He estimates the value of the trailer at \$500.00. The trailer currently has no roof, floor, or fenders and is in the process of being transformed into a utility trailer.

Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 12, 2015

Frank and Diana Reiss, 1996 Coleman Santa Fe, Account No. 63110

Mr. and Mrs. Reiss were sworn in by Chairman Pike. The Appellants distributed a brief statement, images, and comparable values obtained through same/similar campers on sale on Craig's List. They were unable to obtain comparable values through any dealers. The Camper has sustained extensive damage and they have been unable to locate an official dealer in the State who is able to make the necessary repairs. They assess the value of the camper at no more than \$1,200.00.

Mark Hallbauer, 1999 Toyota Corolla, Account No. 56303

Ms. Anita Hallbauer was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Ms. Halbauer, representing her son, stated that the NADA (National Automobile Dealers Association) Guidebook estimates the value of the vehicle, in clean condition, at \$2,700.00 while Kelly Blue Book estimates the vehicle, in fair condition, at \$1,033.00. Board Members Pike and Chase inspected the vehicle. The odometer reading indicated 232,000 miles and was estimated to be in, at least, fair condition. There is damage to the driver's side rear quarter panel and passenger side door and rusting where the damage has been sustained.

Devine Hydraulics, Inc., 2013 BriMar Trailer, Account No. 54045

Ms. Sharon Richmond, representing Devine Hydraulics, was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Ms. Richmond provided a signed letter from Devine Hydraulics authorizing her to represent the Company. The trailer was purchased in 2013 for \$8,999.00 and was valued at \$14,820.00 in 2015. Because there is no guidebook of values for such trailers, she contacted the dealer who estimated the depreciated wholesale value at \$6,300.00. The Tax Assessor's office utilizes a trailer pricing program, which estimates the value of the trailer based on its VIN number.

Georgiana Kuyava, 1998 Dodge Dakota , Account No. 58482

Ms. Kuyava was sworn in by Chairman Pike. Ms. Kuyava felt that the assessment on the vehicle was too high based upon the condition of the vehicle. Board Members Pike and Gwudz inspected the vehicle. The odometer reading indicated 182,000 miles and has new tires. The vehicle is currently assessed at \$2,500.00.

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, 2014.

Edward McDonnell, 1999 Palomino Palace, Account No. 60294

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Chase, to reduce the assessment from \$3,840.00 (three thousand eight hundred forty dollars) to \$210.00 (two hundred and ten dollars). Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried; Assessment granted.

Town of Montville Board of Assessment Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 12, 2015

Frank and Diana Reiss, 1996 Coleman Santa Fe, Account No. 63110

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Chase, to reduce the assessment from \$3,840.00 (three thousand eight hundred forty dollars) to \$700.00 (seven hundred dollars). Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried; Assessment granted.

Mark Hallbauer, 1999 Toyota Corolla, Account No. 56303

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Chase, to reduce the assessment from \$2,430.00 (two thousand four hundred thirty dollars) to \$1,050.00 (one thousand fifty dollars). Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried; Assessment granted.

Devine Hydraulics, Inc., 2013 BriMar Trailer, Account No. 54045

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Chase, to deny the appeal. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried; Assessment denied.

Georgiana Kuyava, 1998 Dodge Dakota , Account No. 58482

Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Chase, to reduce the assessment from \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to \$2,415.00 (two thousand four hundred fifteen dollars). Discussion: Due to extensive rust on the vehicle, the motion was revised. Motion made by Board Member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Chase, to reduce the assessment from \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to \$1,400.00 (one thousand four hundred dollars). Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried; Assessment granted.

6. Remarks from the Public – *none*

7. Remarks from the Board – *none*

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Board member Gwudz, seconded by Board Member Chase, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Discussion: none. Voice Vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville