

Town of Montville
Board of Assessment Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2019 – 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, September 14, 2019 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 vehicle assessment on the Grand List of October 1, 2018 are hereby warned to make their appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals at this meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Turner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Board Members Joe Aquitante, Gary Murphy, and Florence Turner and Alternate Member Joan Paskewich. Also present was Town Assessor Lucy Beit.

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2019.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Murphy. 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, 2018.

Sean Decora, 2001 Ford F-150 XLT Extended Cab, Account #53940

Sean Decora was sworn in by Chairperson Turner. Mr. Decora requested an adjustment to the assessment of the vehicle due to its extensive mileage (over 400,000 miles) and is currently being supported by blocks.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to reduce the assessment from \$3,150.00 to \$1,175.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Robert Manfredi, 2018 Hyundai Elantra SEL, Account #59865

Robert Manfredi was sworn in by Chairperson Turner. Mr. Manfredi stated that the vehicle has not been depreciated since its purchased.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to reduce the assessment from \$15,470.00 to \$13,250.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Donna M. Siggins, 2007 Toyota Corolla, Account #64269

Donna Siggins was sworn in by Chairperson Turner. Ms. Siggins stated that, though the vehicle has suffered extensive damage, it was not totaled by the Insurance Company. The Board entered into a recess at 9:25 a.m. to view the vehicle and reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to reduce the assessment from \$3,380.00 to \$2,450.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

John E. Winslow, 2009 Chevrolet Impala, Account #66775

John Winslow was sworn in by Chairperson Turner. Mr. Winslow stated that the vehicle has a salvage title, no market value, 218,000 miles, and has sustained other damage.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to reduce the assessment from \$3,500.00 to \$575.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

John E. Winslow, 2002 Chevrolet Silverado, Account #66774

Mr. Winslow stated that the vehicle has 188,000 miles and has a DMV Use Tax Value of \$1,700.00; the vehicle was purchased for \$200.00.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to reduce the assessment from \$2,960.00 to \$1,025.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis & Karen Duhamel, 2011 Subaru Legacy, Account #54513

Dennis & Karen Duhamel were sworn in by Chairperson Turner. Mr. Duhamel stated that the vehicle has 219,166 miles, is in need of \$1,700.00 worth of repairs, and is not entirely drivable.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to reduce the assessment from \$6,040.00 to \$4,550.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis & Karen Duhamel, 2014 Mazda 4WD Touring V6 CX9, Account #54514

Mr. Duhamel stated that the vehicle has approximately 125,000 miles and, while mechanically fine, has sustained some front end damage.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to reduce the assessment from \$11,620.00 to \$9,500.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Randell C. Spicer, 2003 Ford F-150, Account #64650

Randell Spicer was sworn in by Chairperson Turner. Mr. Spicer stated that he has traded in the vehicle for \$250.00 and the plates have been transferred. At trade-in, the vehicle had approximately 290,000 miles and mechanical issues.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to reduce the assessment from \$4,460.00 to \$2,625.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Randell C. Spicer, 2008 Chevy Cobalt, Account #64651

Mr. Spicer stated that the vehicle, which was originally gifted, was traded in for \$500.00 and the plates have been transferred. At trade-in, the vehicle had approximately 139,000 miles and had

sustained a number of bodily injuries, interior damage, and was in need of approximately \$1,500.00 in repairs.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to reduce the assessment from \$2,360.00 to \$1,500.00. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

Donald Lakowsky, 1978 Kings Highway Motor Home, No Account Number

Donald Lakowsky was sworn in by Chairperson Turner. The Board reviewed photographs of the motor home, as presented by the Appellant, providing visual evidence of its condition. The motor home is not drivable and is leaking due to damage caused by a fallen tree.

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to reduce the assessment from \$7,210.00 to \$3,605.00. Discussion: None. 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, 2018.

Motion made by Board Member Murphy, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to Act on Appeals related to the Assessment of Motor Vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2018. Discussion: The Appeals were acted upon, per item 4 above. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Set and Approve the 2020 Meeting Dates

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Aquitante, to set the following meeting dates for 2020:

- Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
- September 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Remarks from the Public – *none*

8. Remarks from the Board – *none*

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Turner, seconded by Board Member Murphy, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville