



## *MINUTES*

### ***BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS 2020 Motor Vehicles***

Present: Mary Alford, Chairperson of the Board of Appeals  
Shirley Salvatore, Board Member  
Thomas Ragaini, Board Member  
John DiGiovanna, Deputy Assessor  
Susan Couture, Secretary of the Board

The meeting was called to order at 2:53 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Bristol Town Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

The Board of Assessment Appeals heard the following appeals in the afternoon session at 3 p.m.:

Mason, Veronica – 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan  
Hinchcliffe, Francis + Claudette – 2015 Chevrolet Silverado  
Kasuga, Michael – 2011 Toyota 4-Runner  
St. Pierre, Rodney + Linda – 2007 Sprinter Copper Cannon  
Cyr, Randy + Kelly – 2016 Chevrolet Colorado  
Niek, David – 2009 Zinger Camper 26BH  
Thomas, Arthur – 2005 Dodge Ram 1500

A motion was made by Tom Ragaini, Board Member, to adjourn the afternoon appeal hearings with a second to the motion made by Shirley Salvatore, Board Member and it was unanimous to adjourn hearings at 5:15 p.m.

The Board of Assessment Appeals reconvened for its evening appeal hearings at 6:07 p.m. and the following appeals were heard:

Whitford, Mark + Dawn – 2008 GMC Sierra K  
Whitford, Mark + Dawn – 2016 Chevrolet 1500 Suburban  
Chirsky, Matthew – 2020 Toyota Prius AWD – XLE

The Board immediately made decisions after the last appeal was heard on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 as follows:

1. Mason, Veronica – 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan
  - Appellant: Vehicle has high mileage and poor condition and is a V6 engine.
  - Board: Granted. Reduce assessment to \$1,500.
2. Hinchcliffe, Francis + Claudette – 2015 Chevrolet Silverado
  - Appellant: Vehicle is automobile accident on 3/30/19 and had to replace transmission and had extensive damage.
  - Board: Granted. Assessed value lowered to \$20,300.
3. Kasuga, Michael S. – 2011 Toyota 4-Runner
  - Appellant: Value adjustment for inoperable air bags that significantly reduce the actual value to \$8,000 for trade-in.
  - Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$8,000.
4. St. Pierre, Rodney + Linda – 2007 Sprinter Copper Cannon
  - Appellant: Assessment grossly incorrect. Per N.A.D.A., in 2020 camper in good condition, retail at \$6,635.00. Purchased at \$18,000 fourteen years ago and you are appreciating at an assessment of \$14,000. This camper is depreciating and not appreciating. Appraisal attached from Redman's Trailers showing value of \$2,000.
  - Board: Granted. Reduce assessment to \$7,000.
5. Cyr, Randy + Kelly – 2016 Chevrolet Colorado
  - Appellant: Raised the value of my vehicle with 2WD and 6 speed manual. Back seats removed with an \$800 credit on purchase price.
  - Board: Granted. Assessed value to be \$11,000.
6. Niek, David – 2009 Zinger Camper 26 BH
  - Appellant: The camper has water damage. The camper needs a major repair or can be sold for scrap parts.
  - Board: Granted. Reduce assessed value to \$5,000.
7. Thomas, Arthur – 2005 Dodge Ram 1500
  - Appellant: Assessment too high for vehicle 8,890 and value is half what assessed for.
  - Board: Granted. Value to be reduced to \$4,000 making assessment \$2,800.00.

8. Whitford, Mark + Dawn – 2008 GMC Sierra K
  - Appellant: Rust and air bags do not work. Trouble with one tire that will not hold air, need new rims and high mileage.
  - Board: Denied.
9. Whitford, Mark + Dawn – 2016 Chevrolet 1500 Suburban
  - Appellant: High mileage of 78,000 and bumper falling off.
  - Board: Denied.
10. Chirsky, Matthew
  - Appellant: High mileage of 25,650.
  - Board: Granted. Reduce value to \$24,775 making assessed \$17,340.

After deliberations were completed, Mary Alford, Chairperson, brought up discussion of a future meeting to elect a new two-year chairperson and to discuss future hearing dates for the Board and agreed the meeting is to be held after the elections in November 2021 with a date of Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the Assessor's office meeting room.

A motion was made by Tom Ragaini, Board Member, to adjourn appeal hearings with a second to the motion made by Susan Couture, Secretary of the Board, and it was unanimous to adjourn hearings at 7:22 p.m.

Summary of appeals:

Appeals Approved = 8  
Appeals Denied = 2  
Appeals Withdrawn = None  
Appeals Dismissed = None  
Total Appeals = 10

Submitted by Susan Couture, Secretary of the Board of Appeals