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***BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS  
2022 Motor Vehicles***

Present: Mary Alford, Chairperson of the Board of Appeals  
Faye Laser Duquette, Board Member  
Ann Marie Heering, Board Member  
Thomas DeNoto, Assessor  
Michele A. Ososki, Secretary of the Board

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023 in Meeting Room 1, Lower Level, Bristol Public Library, 5 High Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

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

Hebert, Leo – 2022 Autum 23RLS Camper Trailer  
Hebert, Leo – 2007 GMC Yukon  
Hebert, Leo – 2017 Mazda CX-5  
Venkatesan, Gowtham – 2022 Tesla Model Y  
Kasuga, Michael – 2011 Toyota 4-Runner  
Calabro, Giovanni – 2018 Toyota RAV4  
Calabro, Giovanni – 2022 Nissan Frontier Truck  
Buonafede, Samantha – 2021 Tesla Model Y  
Buonafede, Mitchell – 2022 Tesla Model 3  
Mason, Veronica – 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan  
Furlong, Virginia – 2003 Toyota Corolla  
Kazemekas, Craig – 2012 VW Passat

A motion was made by Mary Alford, Board Member, to adjourn the afternoon appeal hearings with a second to the motion made by Ann Marie Heering, Board Member and it was unanimous to adjourn hearings at 5:19 p.m.

The Board of Assessment Appeals reconvened for its evening appeal hearings at 6:03p.m. and the following appeals were heard:

Cauile, Joven – 2018 Toyota Camry

The Board immediately made decisions after the last appeal was heard on Thursday, September 7, 2022 as follows:

1. Hebert, Leo – 2020 Autum 23RLS Camper Trailer
  - Appellant: Trailer purchased two years ago for \$18,000.
  - Board: Denied.
2. Hebert, Leo – 2007 GMC Yukon DE
  - Appellant: Vehicle has 188,000 miles, rust on both rear quarter panels and right front wheel well. Gas tank is held in place with a ratchet strap.
  - Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$1,800.
3. Hebert, Leo – 2017 Mazda CX-5
  - Appellant: Vehicle purchase three years ago with high mileage and has a dented door panel.
  - Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$15,500.
4. Venkatesan, Gowtham – 2022 Tesla Model Y
  - Appellant: Assessment grossly incorrect. Appellant brought in documentation displaying the price is lower than what the assessor's office has the assessed value.
  - Board: Granted. Assessment Reduced to \$42,980.
5. Kasuga, Michael – 2011 Toyota 4-Runner
  - Appellant: Air bags were deployed and never replaced.
  - Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$8,900.
6. Calabro, Giovanni – 2018 Toyota RAV4
  - Appellant: Assessment too high for vehicle.
  - Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$17,000.
7. Calabro, Giovanni – 2022 Nissan Frontier Truck
  - Appellant: Assessment too high for vehicle.
  - Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$26,000.

8. Buonafede, Samantha – 2021 Tesla Model Y

- Appellant: Assessment too high for vehicle.
- Board: Denied.

9. Buonafede, Mitchell – 2022 Tesla Model 3

- Appellant: Assessment too high for vehicle.
- Board: Denied.

10. Mason, Veronica – 2007 Dodge Caravan

- Appellant: The vehicle is in poor condition on the exterior and also has high mileage.
- Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$1,500.

11. Furlong, Veronica – 2003 Toyota Corolla

- Appellant: The vehicle is in poor condition on the exterior and also has high mileage.
- Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$1,000.

12. Kazemekas, Craig – 2012 Volkswagen Passat

- Appellant: The vehicle has rust on the exterior of the vehicle, high mileage and the shift sticks.
- Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$4,000.

13. Cauile, Joven – 2018 Toyota Camry

- Appellant: The vehicle has very high mileage of 224,734.
- Board: Granted. Assessment reduced to \$9,150.

A motion was made by Mary Alford, Board Member, to adjourn appeal hearings with a second to the motion made by Ann Marie Heering, Secretary of the Board, and it was unanimous to adjourn hearings at 7:00 p.m.

Summary of appeals:

Appeals Approved = 10

Appeals Denied = 3

Appeals Withdrawn = None

Appeals Dismissed = None

Total Appeals = 13

Submitted by Michele A. Ososki, Secretary of the Board of Appeals