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APRIL 22ND, 2025 - TUESDAY

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
2023 Supplemental Motor Vehicle
2024 Personal Property and 2024 Real Estate**

Present: Mary Alford, Chairperson of the Board of Appeals
Cynthia Chesky, Board Member
Greg Klimek, Board Member
John DiGiovanna, Deputy Assessor
Thomas DeNoto, Assessor
Margaret Graffam, Acting Secretary in Secretary's Absence

Absent: Michele A. Ososki, Secretary of the Board

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025 in the first floor Meeting Room No. 1-1 (#116) at the Bristol City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

The Board of Assessment Appeals heard the following appeals in the afternoon session:

- J. Burrus- 58 Tyler Way Veteran Exemption on Real Estate
- Steven Young- Veteran Exemption Motor Vehicle
- G Venkatesan- 2023 Tesla Assessment
- Mashud Rana-36 East Main Street Audits on Personal Property
- Ben Purcell- Purcell Businesses Personal Property
- S Pappas- 38-40 Stearns St Real Estate Assessment

The Board of Assessment Appeals began its deliberations at 5:00 p.m. on all hearing appeals.

1. James Burrus- 58 Tyler Way

Appellant: Questioning if eligible for the *new* Veteran Exemption for Total & Permanently disabled veterans to have their dwelling exempt.

Board: Petition Denied. Per State Statute a Veteran must also have a 100% VA evaluation in addition to being permanent & totally disabled to qualify. The Board thanked Mr. Burros for his military service.

2. **Steven Young**- MV AOA Veteran Exemption

Appellant: Requesting Active-Duty exemption for a motor vehicle bill that was continuously billed from a different town in error by the DMV. Address issue is now corrected going forward.

Board: Petition Granted. 2023 Grand List Motor Vehicle bill will be exempt due to veteran active-duty designation. The Board thanked Mr. Young for his military service.

3. **G Venkatesan**- 2023 Tesla Assessment

Appellant: Questioning the assessment of his vehicle. His vehicle is a rear wheel vehicle and the Assessor Office stated it was not listed in JD Power by his vehicle identification number. He received multiple tax credits at time of purchase and is original owner.

Board: Petition Denied. Assessment will remain at 24,232. Data from Price Digest using Vehicle Identification Number was provided by Assessor's Office showing MSRP value.

4. **Mashud Rana**- 36 East Main Street Personal Property

Appellant: Business was already sold and Personal Property audits were completed for a 3 year period. Business was under construction and Personal Property was paid on the original dates owed. Requesting tax audits to be reversed.

Board: Petition Approved. Personal Property audits completed by Charles Feldman will be reversed for the 2021 & 2022 Grand List.

5. **Ben Purcell**- Purcell Businesses located at 135 Center St Personal Property

Appellant: Questioning the assessment of his business equipment. First time business owner. Stated he does not have 50,000 worth of equipment. Provided a video of space that he leases and a list of equipment purchased. He will hand in Personal Property Declaration today to the Assessor's Office stating what is owned and its value.

Board: Petition Approved. Will accept Personal Property Declaration as submitted.

6. **Steve Pappas** Stearns St Apartments LLC Assessment of 38-40 Stearns St

Appellant: Building was renovated 10 years ago using average materials and comparing with other parcels would like the assessment reduced.

Board: Petition Approved. Assessment reduced to \$352,030

7. **Ms. Ann Marie Russo**- Arcadia & Martin Road Map 67 Lots 29,30,31 and 36

Board: Petition Dismissed for failure to appear

8. **Anais Paredes**- 2017 Chevy Equinox

Board: Petition Dismissed for failure to appear

The following appeals were deliberated by the Power of Board on April 22, 2025

9. **Gino Carrier** of Carrier Construction Personal Property Equipment Assessment
Board: Petition Approved. Accept declaration as submitted.

10. **Daniel and Diane Maher** 37 Union St Personal Property
Board: Petition Approved. Assessment deleted per zoning compliance with Code Enforcement Committee.

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

Summary of appeals:

Appeals Approved = 4

Appeals Denied = 2

Appeals Power of the Board = 2

Appeals Withdrawn = 2

Total Appeals = 10

Submitted by Margaret Graffam, Acting Secretary in Secretary's absence.

