

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

Chair Lisa Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:59pm. **Members present:** Lisa Anderson and Mark Leichthammer. **Members absent:** Ryan Walters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Anderson made a motion to correct the March 23, 2021 minutes to state 2021, not 2020 and to approve the minutes with that amendment. Mr. Leichthammer seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed 2:0.

The following are the appeals from the October 1, 2020 Grand List:

Note that Chair Anderson swore in each appellant that the information they provided is accurate and truthful to the best of their knowledge.

Thomas A. Russo, 11 Pondview Lane, West Suffield, CT. 06093

Mr. Russo has two appeals. One is an old 1998 landscape trailer. He rarely uses it but it is registered. He believes it should be fully depreciated or brought to a minimum value.

The second appeal is for a 2006 Dodge Ram valued at \$14,500. The vehicle has significant rot and needs a complete frame change out or a rebuild. He took the bed off so he can't use it for dump runs. He provided photos of the vehicle highlighting the damage as well as his original receipt.

Chair Anderson informed Mr. Russo that vehicles depreciate every year so if the Board is able to make a change, appellants usually have to appeal each year. Mr. Russo asked if a vehicle can ever come off the list but Chair Anderson said there is some value because it is on the road.

Board Deliberation – based on the NADA guide for the 2006 Dodge Ram, they agree it is not in clean condition, however it is still registered and on the road. Chair Anderson made a motion to reduce the value to \$7k due to its condition being rough. Mr. Leichthammer seconded and the motion passed 2:0.

Regarding the trailer, there is no guidance for a landscape trailer of this age and condition. It is currently valued at \$330, for a total of \$9/year in taxes. Based on pictures provided, Chair Anderson made a motion to reduce the value from \$330 to \$200. Mr. Leichthammer seconded and the motion passed 2:0.

Robert Brackett 59 Valley View Drive, Suffield, CT. 06078

Mr. Brackett has a 2002 Lexus ES300 with high mileage (185k). Chairman Anderson said they will review the NADA guidelines for high mileage and adjust if possible, noting if that happens he will still have to appeal each year.

Board Deliberation - Chairman Anderson made a motion to reduce the value by \$300 to \$2010. Mr. Leichhammer seconded and the motion passed 2:0.

No additional attendees joined to make an appeal. Mr. Leichhammer made a motion to adjourn. Chairperson Anderson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kris Kelliher
Recording Secretary