

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

**Members present:** Krystal Holmes, Ryan Walters. **Members absent:** Chair Lisa Anderson

Ms. Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Holmes made a motion to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes as written. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.

**The following are the appeals from the October 1, 2021 Grand List:**

Note that Ms. Holmes swore in each appellant that the information they provided is accurate and truthful to the best of their knowledge. She also explained to each that the Board would deliberate, give their decision to Assessor Lisa Trase who will send a letter informing the appellant of the decision.

**Alex and Nadine Fraser, 1440 North Street, Suffield CT. 06078**

The Frasers' own a 2015 Mercedes E250 Blue Tech and are appealing based on high mileage. Their estimated mileage as-of October 1, 2021 was 105k and is currently around 120k. Mr. Fraser noted it is a base model - no leather, panoramic roof etc.

**Board Deliberation** – The NADA adjustment for high mileage would result in a higher assessment than the current invoice, therefore Mr. Walters made a motion to deny the appeal. Ms. Holmes seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.

**Andrea Zeller, 23 Kings Meadow Lane, Suffield, CT. 06078**

Ms. Zeller has a 2012 Chevy Traverse RE. She is appealing based on high mileage. It currently has 173,800 miles; she drives about 12k miles per year so estimates it was 161,800 as-of October 1, 2021.

**Board Deliberation** - The NADA has this mileage as level 3 which would result in a \$1,050 adjustment. Ms. Holmes made a motion to adjust the assessment to \$5,180. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.

**Tom Fusiek 382 Remington Street, Suffield CT. 06078**

Mr. Fusiek presented three work vehicles. Each had varying degrees of rust, dents, rot, and other issues. He provided several pictures for each vehicle.

**Board Deliberation:**

- The 2008 Ford F350 has a clean trade in value of \$7950 and a rough value of \$5725, a difference of 28%. Ms. Holmes made a motion to reduce the assessed value by 28% to \$8,316. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.
- The 2004 Ford F350 is in average condition for a 2004 vehicle with 127k miles. NADA has a 15% decrease from clean trade in value to average value. Ms. Holmes made a motion to reduce the assessed value by 15% to \$6,698. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.

- The 2007 Ford F350 clean trade in value is \$7,475 with a rough value of \$5,325 so a 29% difference. Ms. Holmes made a motion to reduce the assessed value by 29% to \$7,042. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.

**Melissa Jackman, 19 South Grand Street, West Suffield, CT. 06093**

Ms. Jackman has a 2008 Subaru Outback with 278k miles, some dents and fender damage. She estimates the miles as-of October 1, 2021 at about 260k. She provided pictures and is not currently driving the vehicle.

**Board Deliberation** – The Board considered the condition and factored in the max mileage allowance as the actual exceeded that. Ms. Holmes made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$3,870. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.

**Barbara and Ray Neilsen, 709 Two States Avenue, West Suffield, CT. 06093**

Mr. Neilsen presented three vehicles. The Board was able to review all three in person.

- The 2011 Dodge Ram pickup has 190k miles and since it has been in the shop so estimates it had 188k as-of October 1, 2021. The vehicle also has dents.
- Their 2011 Hyundai Sonata has over 150k miles so they estimate it had \$145k as-of October 1, 2021. The appeal is primarily based on condition.
- The 2006 Toyota Tundra pickup truck has 187k miles and is not driven often so estimate 185k as-of October 1, 2021. The vehicle is in fair condition with some rust, dents/scratches.

**Board deliberation:**

- 2011 Dodge Ram – The pickup falls into Mileage class 3. Mr. Walters made a motion to revise the assessed value to \$9,970. Ms. Holmes seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.
- 2011 Hyundai Sonata - Based on mileage, Ms. Holmes made a motion that the assessed value be amended to \$5,160. Mr. Walters noted that there is a 14% difference between the clean and average trade in values. Ms. Holmes amended her motion to add a further reduction of \$722 for condition, for a total assessed value of \$4,440. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor; the motion passed 2:0.
- The 2006 Toyota Tundra - Applying the NADA high mileage factor actually increased the assessed value therefore Ms. Holmes made a motion to deny the appeal. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed 2:0.

**Alton P Golden 165 Mountain Laurel Way, Suffield, CT. 06078**

Mr. Goldon appealed two vehicles and had dealer service receipts showing mileage for close to the October 1<sup>st</sup> date.

- The 2014 Nissan Altima has 273k miles, with 250k as of October. It is starting to rust, has some scratches and a dent.
- The 2017 Honda Accord LX also has high mileage estimated at 141k as-of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and is in fair condition.

**Board deliberation:**

- The 2014 Nissan Altima – The mileage class 2 was factored in. Ms. Holmes made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$4,030. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed 2:0.
- The 2017 Honda Accord LX - The mileage class 2 would drop \$3,450. Ms. Holmes made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$10,060. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed 2:0.

No additional attendees joined to make an appeal. Ms. Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Walters seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kris Kelliher  
Recording Secretary