

Town of Groton  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
October 1, 2015 Grand List  
September 17, 2016 Session Minutes

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The Board of Assessment Appeals met on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Groton Town Hall. Members in attendance were chairman Charles Stevens, John Parfitt and James Mitchell. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am by Mr. Stevens. The Board will sit for appeals on the October 1, 2015 Grand List and the October 1, 2014 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Grand List.

Property Owner: Manuel M Pinzon 2cd  
Motor Vehicle: 1988 BMW M6  
Board Decision 9/17/2016: Board reviewed information concerning the condition and age of the vehicle. The owner has already filed the affidavit for the program that grants the antique assessment of \$500 under C.G.S. Section 14-1(3) with the assessor's office for upcoming Grand Lists. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment based on the vehicle's age to \$500. The motion was seconded by Parfitt and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2015 Acct#130292                      Orig. Assmt: \$15,190                      BAA Assmt: \$500  
Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Mark Faulise  
Motor Vehicle: 1989 Homemade Trailer  
Board Decision 9/17/2016: Board reviewed information concerning the condition of the homemade trailer. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$150, seconded by Mitchell. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2015 Acct#108149                      Orig. Assmt: \$410                      BAA Assmt: \$150  
Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: William Schmauder  
Motor Vehicle: 2014 Changzhou Nanxiashu Tool Factory Utility Trailer  
Board Decision 9/17/16: Board reviewed purchase price information for the trailer. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment based on its sale price to \$156, seconded by Parfitt. The motion passed unanimously.

M2015 Acct#123032                      Orig. Assmt: \$460                      BAA Assmt: \$156  
Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Laura Hurd  
Motor Vehicle: 2003 Dodge Caravan  
Board Decision 9/17/16: Board previously reduced the assessment to \$350 for the October 1, 2014 Grand List. The vehicle was available for inspection and its condition has not changed. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$350. Parfitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

M2015 Acct# 112353                      Orig. Assmt: \$2,420                      BAA Assmt: \$350  
Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: George Phillips  
 Motor Vehicle: 1998 Honda Accord  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Board previously reduced the assessment to \$1,400 for the October 1, 2014 Grand List. The vehicle has 321,000 miles. The vehicle was available for inspection and its condition has not substantially changed. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment based on the age and high mileage to \$500. The motion was seconded by Parfitt and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.  
 M2015 Acct#120292 Orig. Assmt: \$2,640 BAA Assmt: \$500  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Kevin Quackenbush  
 Motor Vehicle: 2003 Nissan Frontier  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Board previously reduced the value to \$2,100 for the October 1, 2014 Grand List. Based on the previous year inspection and the vehicle's condition, Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$2,100. The motion was seconded by Parfitt and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.  
 M2015 Acct#120972 Orig. Assmt: \$6,700 BAA Assmt: \$2,100  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Kevin Quackenbush  
 Motor Vehicle: 2006 Mazda  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Taxpayer felt the assessed value on this vehicle was reasonable and chose not to appeal therefore the Board made no decision.  
 M2015 Acct#120971 Orig. Assmt: \$5,410 BAA Assmt: \$5,410  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Don Slingsby  
 Motor Vehicle: 2001 Dodge Ram 1500  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Board reviewed information concerning the vehicle. The vehicle has over 200,000 miles and has rust and paint damage as well as damage to the upholstery. A dealership quoted a resale price of about \$5000. An inspection of the vehicle was made. To maintain uniformity and equity in assessment methodology, Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$6,300 based on the vehicle's overall condition and mileage. The motion was seconded by Parfitt and it passed unanimously.  
 M2015 Acct# 123986 Orig. Assmt: \$8,100 BAA Assmt: \$6,300  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Michelle Marceau  
 Motor Vehicle: 2008 Subaru Impreza  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Board reviewed information concerning the vehicle. The vehicle was bought for about \$5000. An inspection of the vehicle was made. The vehicle has 142,000 miles. Based upon the inspection of the vehicle and the high mileage, Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$4,200. Parfitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
 M2015 Acct#116041 Orig. Assmt: \$5,550 BAA Assmt: \$4,200  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Michelle Marceau  
 Motor Vehicle: 1996 Toyota Camry  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Board reviewed information concerning the vehicle. The vehicle has over 264,000 miles. Based on the vehicle's age, it would be eligible for the antique assessment of \$500 under C.G.S. Section 14-1(3). An affidavit was given to the taxpayer. An inspection of the vehicle was made. Based upon the fair condition of the vehicle and high mileage, Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$1,400 and seconded by Parfitt. The motion passed unanimously.  
 M2015 Acct#116040 Orig. Assmt: \$2,120 BAA Assmt: \$1,400  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Chairman Stevens made a motion to amend the minutes from March 15, 2016 for property owner Douglas and Sandra Crandall to read: "Income and Expense Form was not received by June 1, 2015." Mitchell seconded the motion and was passed with a unanimous vote.

Property Owner: Preetham Sugavanam  
 Motor Vehicle: 2006 Honda Civic  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Board reviewed information concerning the vehicle. The vehicle has 103,500 miles. It was purchased for \$8500 in 2014. An inspection of the vehicle was made. Mechanically, the car is in average condition. Based on the exterior damage to the rear of the vehicle, Mitchel made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$3990. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
 M2015 Acct# 125164 Orig. Assmt: \$5,090 BAA Assmt: \$3,990  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

Property Owner: Karin Adams  
 Motor Vehicle: 2006 Chevy Silverado  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: Board previously reduced the assessment of the vehicle to \$4,170 for the October 1, 2014 Grand List. No major changes to the vehicle have been made since last year. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$4,060. Parfitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
 M2015 Acct# 100185 Orig. Assmt: \$5,410 BAA Assmt: \$4,060  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

The Board went into recess at 10:55 am.  
 The Board came back into session at 12:32pm with Chairman Stevens and Mitchell present.

Property Owner: Tonya Wescovich  
 Motor Vehicle: 1986 Shoop Horse Trailer  
 Board Decision 9/17/16: The trailer was not available for inspection however pictures were presented reflecting its poor and unusable condition. The trailer's only option is to be hauled away and scrapped. The registration was cancelled in February 2016. The chairman made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$70. Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
 M2015 Acct# 127707 Orig. Assmt: \$790 BAA Assmt: \$70  
 Mailed Date: 9/19/2016

These minutes were reviewed and accepted on September 17, 2016. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mitchell, seconded by Parfitt and passed with a unanimous vote.

A motion for adjournment was made by Stevens at 12:54 pm, the motion was seconded by Mitchell and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sullivan  
Assistant Assessor  
Clerk to board