

**Town of Groton  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
October 1, 2012 Grand List  
September 4, 2013 Session Minutes**

The Board of Assessment Appeals met on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at the Groton Town Hall. Members in attendance were chairman Charles Stevens, Deborah Monteiro & Paul Duarte. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mr. Stevens. The board will sit for appeals on the October 1, 2012 Grand List and the October 1, 2011 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Grand List.

Property Owner: Robert Smith  
Motor Vehicle: 1999 Honda Civic

Board Decision 9/4/13: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$750 due to age, high mileage, poor condition and that the vehicle has a re-built title. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct#125276                      Orig. Assmt: \$3,290                      Adj. Assmt: \$750

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Daniel Colburn  
Motor Vehicle: 1991 Chev Fleetside

Board Decision 9/4/13: The board went out and viewed the vehicle and noted that the vehicle is an S10 short bed pickup. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$1,765 based on its age and condition, although low mileage. Duarte seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct#105287                      Orig. Assmt: \$3,325                      Adj. Assmt: \$1,765

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Joanne & Gary Zenowitz  
Motor Vehicle: 2001 Ford LGT Conv

Board Decision 9/4/13: Owner notes that the vehicle is an F150 crew cab with four wheel drive with cap on the back. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$4,559 based on the better description of the vehicle, Monteiro seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct# 130185                      Orig. Assmt: \$19,600                      Adj. Assmt: \$4,550

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Stephen Pulaski  
Motor Vehicle: 2004 BMW 330 XI

Board Decision 9/4/13: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$700 based on the high mileage of the vehicle and the fact that it was sold as junk in August 2013 for \$250. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct#121927                      Orig. Assmt: \$8,770                      Adj. Assmt: \$700

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Edward Magowan

Motor Vehicle: 1998 Ford RVC

Board Decision 9/4/13: The owner identified the vehicle as a Ford Econoline F450 with flatbed, farm vehicle. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$2,450 based on the fact that it is a unique vehicle that started life as an ambulance and was eventually sold to the owner as a cutaway and modified into a flatbed. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct# 116561 Orig. Assmt: \$9,780 Adj. Assmt: \$2,450

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Martha Sligh

Motor Vehicle: 2001 Ford Focus

Board Decision 9/4/13: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$490 based on age, condition, prior appeals and prior inspections of the vehicle. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct#125021 Orig. Assmt: \$2,890 Adj. Assmt: \$490

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Mekhael Srour

Motor Vehicle: 1999 Volvo S70

Board Decision 9/4/13: Due the fact that the appellant misunderstood how taxes are assessed, Stevens made a motion for no change. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct# 125656 Orig. Assmt: \$2,640

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: George Phillips

Motor Vehicle: 1987 Chev Celebrity

Board Decision 9/4/13: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$210 based on prior action by the BAA and to include further depreciation. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct#121245 Orig. Assmt: \$1,910 Adj. Assmt: \$210

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Jeffrey LeClercq

Motor Vehicle: 1983 Ford LTD

Board Decision 9/4/13: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500 based on review of the cars age and condition. The motion was seconded by Duarte and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct# 115537 Orig. Assmt: \$1,890 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Anthony Szramoski

Motor Vehicle: 1984 GMC TC1090

Board Decision 9/4/13: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, based on the age, condition and the fact that the owner is filing the antique affidavit. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

M2012 Acct# 126470 Orig. Assmt: \$3,120 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Susan & John Trakas  
 Motor Vehicle: 2003 Honda Accord  
 Board Decision 9/4/13: The board went out and viewed the vehicle.  
 Monteiro made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$3,500 based on extreme high mileage and wear and tear due to high mileage. The motion was seconded by Stevens and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.  
 M2012 Acct#127314 Orig. Assmt: \$6,460 Adj. Assmt: \$3,500  
 Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Carol Fox  
 Motor Vehicle: 1989 Kings Brentwood  
 Board Decision 9/4/13: Ms. Fox brought photographs of the horse trailer for the board to review. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to the prior assessment. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.  
 M2012 Acct#109339 Orig. Assmt: \$2,280 Adj. Assmt: \$700  
 Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Frederick Brune  
 Motor Vehicle: 1991 Cadillac Deville  
 Board Decision 9/4/13: The board viewed the vehicle. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$980 based on age and condition of the car with over 100,000 miles. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.  
 M2012 Acct#103458 Orig. Assmt: \$3,050 Adj. Assmt: \$980  
 Mailed Date: 9/5/13

Property Owner: Robert Wilson  
 Motor Vehicle: 1994 Toyota Half Ton Pick-up  
 Board Decision 9/4/13: Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$1,200 based on high mileage, the year prior's appeal and an additional year in age. The motion was seconded by Monteiro and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.  
 M2012 Acct#129623 Orig. Assmt: \$2,920 Adj. Assmt: \$1,200  
 Mailed Date: 9/5/13

A motion for adjournment was made by Monteiro at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Stevens, all members voted in agreement.

These minutes were reviewed and accepted on September 11, 2013. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Monteiro, seconded by Duarte and passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Fauna Eller  
 Asst. Assessor  
 Clerk to board