

**Town of Groton  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
October 1, 2011 Grand List  
September 19, 2012 Session Minutes**

The Board of Assessment Appeals met on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at the Groton Town Hall. Members in attendance were chairman Charles Stevens, John Parfitt Jr., Paul Duarte and James Mitchell. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mr. Stevens. The board will sit for appeals on the October 1, 2011 Grand List and the October 1, 2010 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Grand List.

Property Owner: Martha Sligh

Motor Vehicle: 2001 Ford Focus

Board Decision 9/19/12: Ms. Sligh described her vehicle noting the poor quality and condition of the vehicle. The board went out and viewed the vehicle. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$700, seconded by Parfitt, and passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 125274                      Orig. Assmt: \$3,060                      Adj. Assmt: \$700

Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: Gerry Keeler

Motor Vehicle: 1969 Cord Royale

Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Keeler purchased the vehicle for \$23,500 in 2010. Mr. Keeler noted past tax bill amounts and values in prior tax years. Mr. Keeler noted that the vehicle is in poor condition with mechanical/electrical issues. The board went out and viewed the vehicle and noted the "warrior" builders plate on the vehicle. The board reviewed the NADA book values for the varying levels of condition. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$11,270, seconded by Mitchell, all members voted in agreement.

M2011 Acct# 114343                      Orig. Assmt: \$18,760                      Adj. Assmt: \$11,270

Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: George Phillips

Motor Vehicle: 1987 Chevy Celebrity

Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Phillips presented his vehicles information. He noted that the vehicle is in poor condition, with a large amount of rust and not suitable to sell. The board viewed the vehicle and noted the poor condition and mechanical issues which were presented. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assesement to \$500, seconded by Mitchell and passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 121525                      Orig. Assmt: \$1,680                      Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: Susan Twing

Motor Vehicle: 1983 Mercedes Benz 380 SL

Board Decision 9/19/12: Ms. Twing presented her research she found of sales of the same model and type of vehicle. The vehicle was sold on 8/27/12 for \$5,000 and the bill of sale was provided. Ms. Twing noted that it was in good condition, but starting to show areas of wear and tear. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$3,500, seconded by Parfitt, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#127844 Orig. Assmt: \$12,040 Adj. Assmt: \$3,500

Mailed Date: 9/20/12

Property Owner: Paul Miner

Motor Vehicle: 1989 Chevy S-10

Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Miner purchased the vehicle for \$100 about two years ago noted that the vehicle would most likely not pass emissions testing. Mr. Miner provided a recent trade-in estimate of \$800. Mr. Miner also provided his research of a rough trade-in value with NADA. Mr. Miner noted that the vehicle is in below average condition. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 118476 Orig. Assmt: \$2,750 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/20/12

Property Owner: Robert & Elace Comrie

Motor Vehicle: 1987 Chevy Cutaway

Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Stevens recused himself. Mr. & Mrs. Comrie presented their case. Mrs. Comrie noted that they sold the vehicle for \$200 as scrap and also noted water damage to the vehicle. Mrs. Comrie also noted tax bills for prior years. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Daurte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#105499 Orig. Assmt: \$11,000 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/20/12

Property Owner: Lawrence & Beverly Lacerte

Motor Vehicle: 1991 Chevy Ex Ca Fl

Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Lacerte discussed prior assessments and tax bills. He also noted that the vehicle was in rough condition and rusted. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#115243 Orig. Assmt: \$3,170 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/20/12

Property Owner: Alberta Bergado

Motor Vehicle: 2001 Mitsubishi Galante

Board Decision 9/19/12: Ms. Bergado noted numerous repairs that she has made to the vehicle. She also noted areas of wear and tear and that the vehicle has over 130,000 miles on it. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$1,400, seconded by Mitchell, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#102168 Orig. Assmt: \$2,770 Adj. Assmt: \$1,400

Mailed Date: 9/20/12

Property Owner: David Tippett  
 Motor Vehicle: 2010 Venture VATB8025  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Tippett noted that he purchased the boat trailer in October 2009 for \$3,745. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$2,100, seconded by Parfitt, passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct# 127287 Orig. Assmt: \$4,040 Adj. Assmt: \$2,100  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: A P Marquardt Inc.  
 Motor Vehicle: 1987 Frueh DA5 24  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Parfitt made a motion based on conversations with Mr. Marquardt to reduce the assessment to \$5,250, seconded by Mitchell and passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#117171 Orig. Assmt: \$18,200 Adj. Assmt: \$5,250  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: A P Marquardt Inc.  
 Motor Vehicle: 1987 Frueh DA5 24  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Parfitt made a motion based on conversations with Mr. Marquardt to reduce the assessment to \$5,250, seconded by Mitchell and passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#117170 Orig. Assmt: \$18,200 Adj. Assmt: \$5,250  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: A P Marquardt Inc.  
 Motor Vehicle: 1987 Frueh DA5 24  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Parfitt made a motion based on conversations with Mr. Marquardt to reduce the assessment to \$5,250, seconded by Mitchell and passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#117169 Orig. Assmt: \$18,200 Adj. Assmt: \$5,250  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: A P Marquardt Inc.  
 Motor Vehicle: 1996 Feath PL1000  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Stevens made a motion based on conversations with Mr. Marquardt to reduce the assessment to \$3,500, seconded by Duarte and passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#100039 Orig. Assmt: \$10,500 Adj. Assmt: \$3,500  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: A P Marquardt Inc.  
 Motor Vehicle: 2007 Summi AD26  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Marquardt noted that the assessment on this vehicle is accurate, no adjustment was made.  
 M2011 Acct#100005 Orig. Assmt: \$10,500 Adj. Assmt: No Change  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: A P Marquardt Inc.  
 Motor Vehicle: 2007 Summi AD26  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Marquardt noted that the assessment on this vehicle is accurate, no adjustment was made.  
 M2011 Acct# 100006 Orig. Assmt: \$10,500 Adj. Assmt: No Change  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: A P Marquardt Inc.  
 Motor Vehicle: 1992 Frueh TEHF2700  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Marquardt noted that the construction material of a steel barrel versus an aluminum barrel. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$5,250, seconded by Duarte, and passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#100028 Orig. Assmt: \$15,050 Adj. Assmt: \$5,250.  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: Brian Dougherty  
 Motor Vehicle: 1977 Ford F250  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Duarte recused himself. Mr. Dougherty noted poor condition and use as a work truck. Mr. Dougherty purchased the vehicle for \$500 about 3 years ago. The board went out and viewed the vehicle. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Mitchell, passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#107482 Orig. Assmt: \$5,710 Adj. Assmt: \$500  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/12

Property Owner: Richard Leuchner  
 Motor Vehicle: 1965 Shelby Cobra  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Leuchner provided his original purchase price as well as his bill of sale for \$135,000 and other supporting documentation. This appeal was heard by Mitchell, Duarte and Parfitt; only these members voted. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$94,500, seconded by Parfitt, passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#115986 Orig. Assmt: \$322,210 Adj. Assmt: \$94,500  
 Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: Terrific Timber LLC  
 Motor Vehicle: 2002 Big Tex 70P110  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Hoover noted a purchase price of \$1,800 and his supporting documentation he used for his 2010 appeal. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$700, seconded by Stevens, and passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#126993 Orig. Assmt: \$1,560 Adj. Assmt: \$700  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/12

Property Owner: Darrell Chapman  
 Motor Vehicle: 1967 Chevy Camaro  
 Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Chapman provided documentation that the vehicle is not roadworthy and in poor condition. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.  
 M2011 Acct#104701 Orig. Assmt: \$13,720 Adj. Assmt: \$500  
 Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

Property Owner: Robert Wilson

Motor Vehicle: 1994 Toyota Hlftn Pk

Board Decision 9/19/12: Mr. Wilson noted that he purchased the truck in 2010 for \$2,000; for the state sales tax the state increased the value to \$2,500. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$1,540, seconded by Parfitt, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#129910 Orig. Assmt: \$3,030 Adj. Assmt: \$1,540

Mailed Date: 9/20/2012

A motion for adjournment was made by Duarte, at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Mitchell, all members voted in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Fauna Eller

Asst. Assessor

Clerk to board