

**Town of Groton
Board of Assessment Appeals
October 1, 2011 Grand List
September 20, 2012 Session Minutes**

The Board of Assessment Appeals met on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the Groton Town Hall. Members in attendance were chairman Charles Stevens, John Parfitt Jr. & Paul Duarte. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by 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: Joseph Shiman
Motor Vehicle: 1989 Porsche 911

Board Decision 9/20/12: Mr. Shiman noted that the vehicle is in its original condition, and was purchased in 1997 for \$21,000 and currently has 91,000 miles on it. Mr. Shiman noted that a new engine is needed as well as a transmission and convertible top. The board went out and viewed the vehicle. The board reviewed the NADA manual and descriptions. Stevens made a motion for no change, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 124873 Orig. Assmt: \$14,980 Adj. Assmt: No Change
Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: Steven Percy
Motor Vehicle: 1986 Chev C10

Board Decision 9/20/12: Mr. Percy noted that it is a work truck and was purchased in 2006 for \$300. Mr. Percy noted that there are about 180,000 miles on the truck. The board observed the vehicle. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, and passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#121180 Orig. Assmt: \$4,010 Adj. Assmt: \$500
Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: David Barber
Motor Vehicle: 1984 Ford Ranger

Board Decision 9/20/12: Mr. Barber purchased the vehicle for \$750 about 4 to 5 years ago. The board went out and viewed the vehicle. Based upon an inspection of the vehicle Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Parfitt, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 101468 Orig. Assmt: \$2,960 Adj. Assmt: \$500
Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: Judith & Glen Shelton

Motor Vehicle: 2009 Hyundai Sonata

Board Decision 9/20/12: Mr. & Mrs. Shelton noted that the vehicle has been in three accidents and that the body paint is in fair condition. They noted that a dealer said the value was \$10,200. The board went out and inspected the vehicle. The board noted that the value placed on the car is appropriate for its condition. Stevens made a motion for no change based on the fact that the assessor is required to use clean retail value, versus trade-in value, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 124814 Orig. Assmt: \$10,970 Adj. Assmt: No Change

Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: David & Etta Nelson

Motor Vehicle: 1989 Mazda B2200

Board Decision 9/20/12: The owners noted areas of body rot, wear and tear to the seats, that a new muffler system is required and that there are 90,000 miles on the vehicle. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 119493 Orig. Assmt: \$2,680 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: Charles Nado

Motor Vehicle: 1971 GMC CE1590 P

Board Decision 9/20/12: The board observed the vehicle. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Parfitt, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 119332 Orig. Assmt: \$9,590 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: Barry Adelman

Motor Vehicle: 1978 Toyota RA42

Board Decision 9/20/12: Mr. Adelman noted that the vehicle is not operable, the break-line is rotted out and the front seat sits at an angle. Mr. Adelman provided pictures of the vehicle to the board. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#100219 Orig. Assmt: \$1,300 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: Barry Adelman

Motor Vehicle: 1987 Dodge Aries

Board Decision 9/20/12: Mr. Adelman noted that the vehicle is in working condition. Mr. Adelman provided pictures of the vehicle to the board. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#100220 Orig. Assmt: \$1,560 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/21/12

Property Owner: John Lowney
Motor Vehicle: 2005 Acura TL

Board Decision 9/20/12: Mr. Lowney noted that there were 177,000 miles on the vehicle last year, estimated over 200,000 presently, and provided his analysis for loss in value due to high mileage. Stevens calculated the reduction in value due to high mileage by use of the NADA manual. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$7,000, seconded by Parfitt, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#116491 Orig. Assmt: \$10,850 Adj. Assmt: \$7,000
Mailed Date: 9/21/12

A motion for adjournment was made by the Stevens at 6:39 p.m., seconded by Duarte, all members voted in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Fauna Eller
Asst. Assessor
Clerk to board