

**Town of Groton
Board of Assessment Appeals
October 1, 2011 Grand List
September 24, 2012 Session Minutes**

The Board of Assessment Appeals met on Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Groton Town Hall. Members in attendance were the chairman Charles Stevens, John Parfitt Jr., Paul Duarte & James Mitchell. 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: Lisa Damien

Motor Vehicle: 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe

Board Decision 9/24/12: Mr. Fahad Hussein appeared for Ms. Damien. A new transmission was required, the check engine light turns on and off from time to time, exhaust system is questionable, air conditioning does not work and there are about 190,000 miles on the vehicle. The vehicle was purchased about 2 years ago for about \$2,500 with known issues with the transmission. The board went out and viewed the vehicle and noted body damage and poor condition. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$700, seconded by Duarte, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct# 106429 Orig. Assmt: \$4,170 Adj. Assmt: \$700

Mailed Date: 9/26/12

Property Owner: Patricia Gainsley

Motor Vehicle: 1989 Ford CSL

Board Decision 9/24/12: Ms. Gainsley noted the car is in poor condition with about 200,000 miles on the vehicle. The board went out and viewed the vehicle. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, all members voted in agreement.

M2011 Acct# 109840 Orig. Assmt: \$1,960 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/26/12

Property Owner: Ryan Cornelius

Motor Vehicle: 1988 Porsche 911

Board Decision 9/24/12: Mr. Ryan discussed prior taxes and values and noted that he had filed an old car affidavit in the past. The form was found attached to the old COC from July 29, 2010. Stevens made a motion to apply the \$500 affidavit, seconded by Duarte, all members voted in agreement.

M2011 Acct# 123725 Orig. Assmt: \$14,980 Adj. Assmt: \$500

Mailed Date: 9/26/12

Property Owner: Joseph Teixeira
 Motor Vehicle: 2009 Allam S21-2

Board Decision 9/24/12: Ms. Teixeira noted that it is a boat trailer and that it was purchased as a package with a boat. She noted that they purchased the boat and trailer for about \$9,000 last year. The boat trailer is about 20 feet long. Ms. Teixeira provided her research from NADA online as well as a listing for a similar trailer. Mitchell made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$1,400, seconded by Duarte, all members voted in agreement.

M2011 Acct#126954 Orig. Assmt: \$6,510 Adj. Assmt: \$1,400
 Mailed Date: 9/26/12

Property Owner: Douglas Hersant
 Motor Vehicle: 1980 M Benz 300 TD

Board Decision 9/24/12: Mr. & Mrs. Hersant noted areas of body rot, poor condition and that the vehicle is only worth for sale as scrap or parts. The board observed the vehicle. Stevens made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$500, seconded by Duarte, all members voted in agreement.

M2011 Acct#112295 Orig. Assmt: \$7,040 Adj. Assmt: \$500
 Mailed Date: 9/26/12

Property Owner: Stephen Pulaski
 Motor Vehicle: 2004 BMW 220XI

Board Decision 9/24/12: Mr. Pulaski stated that there are 250,000 miles on the vehicle and a few dents and rust spots on the vehicle. He also noted that there are problems with the transmission, however it is still roadworthy. The board went out and inspected the vehicle. The board reviewed the NADA book for loss in value due to high mileage. Mitchell made the motion to reduce the assessment to \$5,600, seconded by Stevens, all members voted in agreement.

M2011 Acct# 122184 Orig. Assmt: \$9,780 Adj. Assmt: \$5,600
 Mailed Date: 9/26/12

Property Owner: Klaus Dietel
 Motor Vehicle: 1990 Mercedes 560 SEL

Board Decision 9/24/12: Mr. Dietel questioned how values are determined. Mr. Dietel uses the car for work and has had it for about 5 years. There are about 254,000 miles on the vehicle. The board went out and viewed the vehicle. Mr. Parfitt made a motion to reduce the assessment to the prior year assessed value of \$2,710, seconded by Mitchell, passed unanimously.

M2011 Acct#107213 Orig. Assmt: \$5,250 Adj. Assmt: \$2,710
 Mailed Date: 9/26/12

The minutes for sessions held on September 13th, September 19th, September 20th and September 24th were reviewed and any necessary amendments and adjustments were made. Stevens made a motion on September 24, 2012 to approve the minutes and was seconded by Duarte. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion for adjournment was made by Mitchell at 6:52 p.m., seconded by Duarte, all members voted in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Fauna Eller
Asst. Assessor
Clerk to board