

## MINUTES

### Board of Assessment Appeals Regular Meeting Town of Oxford

September 15, 2015

Present: Linda Czaplinski, Chairman, Dana Flach, Jane Maher (late)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### 1. Acceptance of Minutes

##### MOTION:

Dana Flach moved to approve the 5/14/15 minutes as presented which included one correction made prior to filing. This was seconded by Linda Czaplinski. All 2 Ayes, 1 Absent. Motion carries.

#### 2. Amendments to the Agenda – None

3. Procedural documents – Discussion held. The first paragraph should have BAA spelled out as Board of Assessment Appeals. Corrections were discussed and approved. This document was reviewed with the Tax Assessor. Linda Czaplinski will contact the Website Committee to see if they can add a link for the Board of Assessment Appeals to include this document on the website. Linda Czaplinski did discuss with the Assessor if it would be possible to get it out there as a generic document and remove anything around the appeal process so that it could be under the Tax Assessor's link as a point of reference. Linda Czaplinski will incorporate all of the corrections prior to it being posted.

##### MOTION:

Linda Czaplinski moved to accept the Procedural document with the changes made by Dana Flach and have it posted when it is appropriate on the Town website for reference. This was seconded by Dana Flach. All 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carries.

#### 4. Hearings

##### **Appeal of Richard Bourque, 64 Rolling Hills Drive, Oxford, CT**

Mr. Richard Bourque was sworn in and made the following appeal: The value of the car was assessed at \$17,890, and the car was in accident about 3 years ago. Mr. Bourque showed pictures of the current condition of the car after the accident and stated it does not have the original engine or transmission in it. He is trying to restore the vehicle. He stated he does not have it registered as a Classic Car and that it is registered as a regular vehicle. Dana Flach asked why Mr. Bourque did not register it as a Classic Car. Mr. Bourque never had and has owned this vehicle since the 1980's. For it to be a Classic Car, it needs to be 25 years old for an Antique car registration. The registration was renewed in April 2014. When moving to Oxford, they were a little sticker shock. They were advised that if you put Antique plates on it then the value would go down to \$500. Mr. Bourque is planning on doing that. He had not realized this. Mr. Bourque was advised once he makes that change, then the Department of Motor Vehicles will send

the file to the Town of Oxford Tax Assessor and the changes will be made for the next period. For our purposes, we look at the NADA books and can look up the make and model and be sure everything is aligned. Linda Czaplinski stated to Mr. Bourque that he will get a letter from the Board of Assessment Appeals within a week following deliberation. Mr. Bourque was not sure of the mileage. It was suggested that whatever he decides to do, try to do it before October 1, 2015.

**Appeal of Edward DelVecchio, DBA East Shore Courier, LLC.**

This Appellant was a no show.

5. **Discussion and Deliberation of Appeal:**

Appeal of Richard Bourque – 1965 Ford Mustang CI 01, VIN-ID 5F08A754126 Convertible

A review of the NADA book value was made. There were several average values ranging from \$28,880 - \$25,300. The condition of the car is immaterial. It was decided that the Assessor gave the assessment somewhere between these ranges, possibly using a low value and adding in for different specifics for this model car, or had gotten the value directly from the Department of Motor Vehicles. It was valued at \$25,557. The Board cannot say there is anything wrong with the assessment since it is in mid-range. Mr. Bourque did not state there were any errors, and did not bring any documentation. A reference was noted in the NADA book that mileage for this vehicle does not determine the value for this vehicle.

**MOTION:**

Jane Maher moved to accept the findings and to deny the appeal based on the figures in the NADA book. This was seconded by Dana Flach. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

In the response letter, it will be stated that the appeal will be denied based on the fact that the Board of Assessment Appeals could not find any discrepancy in the Town's valuation.

6. Cancellation of remaining September meetings - The rest of the September meetings will be cancelled.
7. Adjournment

**MOTION:**

Dana Flach moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. This was seconded by Jane Maher. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Czaplinski, Chairman  
Board of Assessment Appeals

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT  
Margaret A. West  
TOWN CLERK