

September 7, 2024

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

MINUTES

The Saturday, September 7, 2024 regular meeting of the Wallingford Board of Assessment Appeals for motor vehicles was held outside the lower level lobby of the Town Hall Municipal Building facing Prince Street, in front of the sliding doors, located at 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut.

Chairman Vitali called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

In attendance were: Kevin Coons — Town Assessor, Ian Fuller — Chief Appraiser, Shelley Hemenway — Recording Secretary, Jared Liu — Board Member, Carl Bonamico – Board Member, and Thomas Vitali - Board Chairman.

The Board decided they would vote on item number 4, approval of minutes from March 2024, at the end of the meeting.

The appeals were heard and decided on a first come, first serve basis and continued until the Board moved for adjournment.

Each appellant was sworn in before giving testimony. The entire Board heard each individual appeal. A decision was made by the Board and said decision will be sent in writing from the Assessors Office to each appellant within approximately one week.

The determination of appeals is based on the doings of the Wallingford Assessor on the Grand List dated October 1, 2023.

APPEAL 2023MV-01

David Bush

Motor Vehicle

2012 Dodge Ram 1500

Assessed Value \$ 9,450

Appellant stated the vehicle had over 200,000 miles on it and placed a market value of \$4500 on the vehicle. Appellant described the work needed to be done on the vehicle.

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Chairman Vitale stated the appellant filed an appeal last year and the assessed value was reduced to \$5700.

Mr. Fuller looked up the value for the vehicle and adjusted for high mileage. A discussion was had about the mileage and last years appeal.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 5,000. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-02

Janusz Wrobel

Motor Vehicle

2013 Toyota Highland

Assessed Value \$ 9,780

Chairman Vitali asked the appellant if he appealed the vehicle last year. Appellant stated his son went in for him last year.

Chairman Vitali stated the vehicle had a rebuilt salvage title. Mr. Fuller discussed last years appeal with the Board.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 7,500. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-03

John Mark Balajadia

Motor Vehicle

2020 Honda Pilot

Assessed Value \$ 20,810

Chairman Vitale stated the mileage on the vehicle was 83,705 and the appellant placed a market value of \$18,000 on the vehicle.

Appellant told the Board about the high mileage, damage, dents, rusting, and repairs needed.

Mr. Fuller told the Board of the reduction for high mileage. The Board went to examine the vehicle. The appellant showed the Board what he thought was wrong and damaged on the vehicle.

The Board discussed what they saw.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$14,000. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-04

Liza Gimongala / Robert Ennis

Motor Vehicle

2017 Toyota Rav 4 Hybrid

Assessed Value \$ 15,190

Appellant appealed this vehicle last year, and a discussion was had about last years appeal.

Mr. Fuller discussed the reduction for mileage. Mr. Coons went to get the corrections from last years meeting.

The Board went over the appeal from the previous year.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 7,500. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-05

Kathleen Gordon

Motor Vehicle

2017 Volkswagon Tiguan

Assessed Value \$ 10,900

Chairman Vitale asked Mr. Coons to discuss the appellants appeal last year on the vehicle.

Appellant discussed the issues with the vehicle and the high mileage. Appellant placed a market value of \$4,000 on the vehicle.

Mr. Fuller discussed the market reduction for high mileage.

The Board went to look at the vehicle.

The Board discussed the value and damages.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 5,600. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-06

Ross Gordon

Motor Vehicle

2016 Ford Escape

Assessed Value \$ 8,750

Appellant discussed the issues with the vehicle. Mr. Fuller looked up the value and discussed it with the Board.

The Board went to look at the vehicle and the appellant pointed out issues. Appellant discussed the value of the vehicle.

The Board discussed the appeal.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 4,200. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-07

Matthew Morrone

Motor Vehicle

2004 Honda S2000

Assessed Value \$ 9,750

Mr. Coons stated this was a classic vehicle issue.

Appellant stated they put classic plated on the vehicle as of January 2024. Appellant showed the Board paperwork for classic plates.

Mr. Coons stated the Assessors Office would change it to classic plates for 2024 Grand List.

The Board looked at the appellants tax bills. Chairman Vitale told the appellant they would not get any benefit until October of this year, for 2024.

Appellant stated that they were told to come in to appeal.

Chairman Vitale stated they could not change the value for the 2023 Grand List. Mr. Coons stated that going forward to the 2024 Grand List, this would be changed to a classic vehicle.

Chairman Vitale stated they are looking at the value of the vehicle on October 1, 2023. As of October 1, 2023, the vehicle was not 20 years old and did not qualify for classic plates.

Appellant reiterated he was told to go to the Appeal Board.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion of NO CHANGE. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

Chairman Vitale asked the next appellant if he was there last year. Appellant stated yes.

Chairman Vitale asked for the paperwork from last year. Chairman Vitale stated the appellant had four appeals, they will be numbered 08-A through 08-D

APPEAL 2023MV-08A

Heather Ventriglio / Frank Ventriglio

Motor Vehicle

2015 Nissan Murano

Assessed Value \$ 11,235

Chairman Vitale read aloud the appeal, talking about damage and high mileage.

The Board looked at prior corrections from the BAA. And discussed previous year.

Mr. Fuller looked up the vehicles market value.

Appellant discussed scrape marks, issues, and transmission replacement.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 8,000. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-08B

Frank Ventriglio

Motor Vehicle

2013 Kawasaki Vaquero

Assessed Value \$ 5,560

Chairman Vitale read the appeal aloud and stated the current assessed value was \$ 5,560 due to the appeal last year. Mr. Fuller looked up the value.

Chairman Vitale asked appellant for the tax bills. The Board discussed the 2022 Grand Year assessment.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$5,500. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-08C

Frank Ventriglio

Motor Vehicle

2007 Nissan XTerra

Assessed Value \$ 3,970

Appellant placed a market value of \$500 on the vehicle. Appellant discussed the high mileage, damage, and issues.

Mr. Fuller looked up the reduction for the high mileage and discussed that with the Board.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 500. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-08D

Frank Ventriglio

Motor Vehicle

2009 Harley FLTC-ULT

Assessed Value \$ 6,110

Appellant placed a market value of \$1200 on the motorcycle. Chairman Vitale reads aloud the issues from the Appeal. Mr. Fuller looked up the value.

Appellant showed the Board pictures from his phone about issues. Appellant told the Board about what a dealership had told him and how he cannot sell it.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$2500. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-09

Mark Addona

Motor Vehicle

2020 Jeep Wrangler

Assessed Value \$ 25,640

Appellant stated they appealed last year.

Chairman Vitali read the appeal aloud. Mr. Fuller looked up the current market value. A discussion was had about the previous year.

Appellant told the Board about damage and an accident.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 23,000. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-10

Brett Dowty

Motor Vehicle

2019 Dodge RAM 1500

Assessed Value \$ 22,910

Appellant placed a market value of \$19,000 on the vehicle. Appellant presented the Board with an appraisal voucher.

Mr. Fuller told the Board the market value, adjusting for mileage.

Appellant discussed damage, dents, and scratches.

Appellant had three appeals, so the Board went to look at all three vehicles.

Chairman Vitale stated the van and the truck were in good shape. Appellant stated the issues do impact the value when you trade it in.

Mr. Bonamico discussed the condition of all vehicles. Chairman Vitale asked for the NADA value. Mr. Liu discussed the market value.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 19,600. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-11A

Ashley Dowty

Motor Vehicle

2022 Toyota Sienna

Assessed Value \$ 29,330

Mr. Fuller looked up the value and adjusted for the higher mileage.

Mr. Liu asked the appellant what they paid for the vehicle. Appellant stated \$38,000.

Appellant presented the Board with a trade in value. The Board discussed the value, condition, and mileage.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 25,200. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-11B

Ashley Dowty

Motor Vehicle

2017 Hyundai Elantra

Assessed Value \$ 8,240

Mr. Fuller discussed the full market value plus the reduction for high mileage.

Appellant presented the Board with the Kelley Blue Book value as well as an appraisal summary. The Board reviewed the paperwork and discussed condition and mileage.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$ 2,100. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-12

Maria Pasquariello

Motor Vehicle

2023 Kia Sportage

Assessed Value \$ 21,670

Appellant stated this was for a leased vehicle. Appellant placed a market value of \$18,000 on the vehicle.

Mr. Fuller looked up the value and also stated there was no adjustment for mileage.

Appellant leased the vehicle in March 2022 and the lease ends in 2025. Appellant discussed the body damage on the car. Appellant went to the dealership and was told the vehicle was worth \$18,000. Appellant presented the Board with paperwork.

Chairman Vitali told appellant the assessment was from the value of the car on October 1, 2023.

Appellant showed the Board the 2022 and 2023 bills.

A discussion was had about the value from 2022 to 2023 and read through the sale contract.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$18,200. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-13

Carey Messenger

Motor Vehicle

2004 Jeep Wrangler

Assessed Value \$ 5,530

Chairman Vitale stated this appeal was for a 2004 Jeep Wrangler with 118,583 miles.

Appellant stated this was a rebuilt and salvaged vehicle and presented the Board with the rebuilt and salvage title. Chairman Vitali asked to see the tax bills. Chairman Vitali stated the salvage title qualified for a reduction.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$2,100. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-14

Marilyn Hausmann

Motor Vehicle

1993 Toyota Camry

Assessed Value \$ 940

Appellant said the assessed value was lower last year. Mr. Fuller looked up the value.

The Board discussed the value between years.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$750. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-15

Edward Grestini

Motor Vehicle

2012 Ford Transit

Assessed Value \$ 8,330

Chairman Vitali stated last year, the Board reduced the value to \$2,380.

Chairman Vitali asked if anything was different since last year. Appellant stated no and discussed what his mechanic told him about the vehicle. A discussion was had about the vehicle and condition.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$1,500. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-16

Stephen Bukowski

Motor Vehicle

2000 Chevrolet S10

Assessed Value \$ \$3,240

Appellant stated the vehicle was just 4 cylinders with roll down windows and was 25 years old. Appellant said the value was way too high.

A discussion was had about the condition.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$2,450. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

Appellant was told to go into the Assessors Office next week with the vehicle to put special interest plates on for vehicles over 20 years old.

APPEAL 2023MV-17

Carrie O'Connor

Motor Vehicle

2013 Subaru Outback

Assessed Value \$ 8,440

Appellant placed a market value of \$4,000. Appellant tried to sell and trade it in, the most they were offered was \$4,000.

Mr. Fuller looked up the value, with the reduction for high mileage. The Board looked at the bills.

Appellant talked about the dents and damage. The Board discussed resale value.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$6,000. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-18

Donald King

Motor Vehicle

2003 Chevrolet S10

Assessed Value \$ 3,800

Chairman Vitali read the appeal aloud.

Mr. Fuller looked up the value. A discussion was had about the Veterans discount.

The appellant discussed the condition of the vehicle and also stated there was no air-conditioning and the gas gauge did not work.

A discussion was had about the Veterans exemption, and how and where it was applied.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$1,400. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-19

LAYNE MANGINELLI

Motor Vehicle

2019 Chevrolet Colorado

Assessed Value \$ 23,640

Appellant stated the truck had high mileage, higher than average.

Mr. Fuller looked up the value in the book and adjusted the value for the high mileage.

Appellant presented the Board with paperwork about the condition and value of the vehicle.

Mr. Bonamico asked questions about the condition, and appellant told of the work that needed to be done.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$14,000. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-20

Joan Tekula

Motor Vehicle

2022 Tesla Model 3

Assessed Value \$ 26,860

Appellant placed a market value of \$ 21,400. Chairman Vitali read aloud the appeal.

Appellant told the Board about last years bill and her appeal in Southington.

Mr. Liu asked why they thought their vehicle was only worth \$21,000. Appellant stated they overpaid, many upgrades, and the difficulties in selling. A discussion was had about the resale value.

Chairman asked the appellant for evidence the car was worth \$21,000. Mr. Fuller looked up the vehicle and made adjustments due to the higher mileage. Appellant showed the Board pictures showing issues and also showed an offer from Carvana. Appellant told the Board of last years appeal from Southington and how she was not able to sell it.

Chairman Vitali told the appellant of a revised assessed value, and appellant stated that was not worth it or worth what she could get.

Chairman Vitale stated the Board had to go by the JD Power Book for values.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$22,400. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-21

Robin Koutsopolos

Motor Vehicle

2013 Subaru Impreza

Assessed Value \$ 6,040

Appellant placed a market value of \$3,000 to \$4,200 on the vehicle. Mr. Fuller looked up the value as well as the mileage. Appellant stated it was a bad year for the Subaru Impreza and there were known problems with that year of car.

Chairman Vitali aske the appellant about the condition of the car and the repair work done. Appellant told about a partial engine replacement and the paint.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$5,000. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-22

James Raw

Motor Vehicle

1975 Ford F150

Assessed Value \$ 5,670

Appellant stated that two years ago, the assessed value was \$580, and this year it was \$5670.

The Board reviewed the previous bills presented by the appellant.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$500. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-23

Marc Behrend

Motor Vehicle

2007 Hyundai Sonata

Assessed Value \$ 2,780

Appellant placed a value of \$300 to \$500 on vehicle. Appellant had been here in previous years and presented the Board with previous year paperwork.

A discussion was had about the previous years appeal.

Mr. Liu made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$350. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

APPEAL 2023MV-24

Whiles And Sons LLC / Scott Whiles

Motor Vehicle

1993 Peterbilt

Assessed Value \$ 29,080

Appellant stated he had an appeal last year. Appellant presented last years paperwork to the Board.

The Board discussed last years appeal.

Mr. Bonamico made a motion to reduce the assessed value to \$3,500. Seconded by Mr. Liu and passed unanimously.

The last appeal was heard at 12:00 PM. The Board went to item 4 on the agenda, approval of minutes from March 2024. Mr. Liu made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2024. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

Item 6 on the Agenda- Old Business- There was no old business.

Item 7 on the Agenda- New Business- There was no new business.

Mr. Liu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bonamico and passed unanimously.

Chairman Vitali adjourned the meeting at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Shelley Hemenway

Recording Secretary

Board Of Assessment Appeals