

**Board of Assessment Appeals
Fairfield, CT
September 8, 2020 - Minutes**



A hearing and decision meeting of the Board of Assessment Appeals for motor vehicle assessment appeals was held on Tuesday, September 08, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held virtually via Webex. Assessor's staff and the Vice Chair were at Old Town Hall to assist walk-in appellants.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Zawadski, Chair (virtual)

Kathleen Griffin, Secretary (virtual)

Peter Ruppert, Vice Chair

Carol DePietro (virtual)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alexis Harrison

OTHERS PRESENT: Ross Murray, Assessor; Ken Carvell, Deputy Assessor

1. Call to Order

Chairman Harold Zawadski requested that Vice Chair Peter Ruppert chair this evening's meeting. Vice Chair Peter Ruppert called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

2. Hearings

The Board entertained appeals from the public until 6:30 pm. Six appellants came forward either remotely, in person through the assistance of Deputy Assessor Ken Carvell or through paperwork submitted to the Assessor's Office:

- a. Camille Tarzia – 2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid (2018 Supplemental & 2019)
- b. Dristi Kunwar – 2012 Honda Accord EX
- c. Kevin Dmowski – 96 Chevy C1500
- d. Christopher Stern – 2019 Chevrolet Equinox
- e. Charles Taylor (for wife Elizabeth Kochor) – 2012 Land Rover Range Rover SC
- f. Roger von Voorhees – 1999 Mercury Sable Wagon

3. Deliberations

Appeal#: **1**

Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Listed Owner: **Camille Tarzia**

Vehicle: **2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid (2018 supplemental bill)**

Following a review of materials submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Harold Zawadski to **grant in part** the appeal and reduce the appraised value to **\$11,550**.

Motion seconded by Carol DePietro

Motion carried 4:0:0

Appeal#: **2**

Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Listed Owner: **Camille Tarzia**

Vehicle: **2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid (2019 bill)**

Following a review of materials submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Harold Zawadski to **grant in part** the appeal and reduce the appraised value to **\$11,225**.

Motion seconded by Peter Ruppert

Motion carried 4:0:0

Appeal#: **3**

Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Listed Owner: **Dristi Kunwar**

Vehicle: **2012 Honda Accord EX**

Following a review of materials submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Kathleen Griffin to **grant** the appeal and reduce the appraised value to **\$6,630**.

Motion seconded by Harold Zawadski

Motion carried 4:0:0

Appeal#: **4**

Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Listed Owner: **Kevin Dmowski**

Vehicle: **1996 Chevrolet C1500**

Following a review of materials submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Harold Zawadski to **deny** the appeal.

Motion seconded by Carol DePietro

Motion carried 4:0:0

Appeal#: **5**

Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Listed Owner: **Christopher Stern**

Vehicle: **2019 Chevrolet Equinox**

Following a review of materials submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Kathleen Griffin to **deny** the appeal.

Motion seconded by Peter Ruppert

Motion carried 4:0:0

Appeal#: **6**

Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Listed Owner: **Elizabeth Kochor**

Vehicle: **2012 Land Rover Range Rover Supercharged**

Following a review of materials submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Peter Ruppert to **grant in part** the appeal and reduce the appraised value to **\$19,700**.

Motion seconded by Kathleen Griffin

Motion carried 4:0:0

Appeal#: **7**

Type: **Motor Vehicle**

Listed Owner: **Roger von Voorhees**

Vehicle: **1999 Mercury Sable Wagon**

Following a review of materials submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Kathleen Griffin to **grant in part** the appeal and reduce the appraised value to **\$1,000**.

Motion seconded by Carol DePietro

Motion carried 4:0:0

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the March 23, 2020 PM Session meeting minutes was made by Harold Zawadski.

Motion seconded by Peter Ruppert

Motion carried 4:0:0

5. **Other Business**

The board discussed the unusual circumstances in the current real estate market and the effect it might have on the revaluation currently in process and consequently the number of appeals next March. It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that, as allowed per Town Charter, it would be in the best interest of the board for the Chairman to request that the RTM appoint up to four additional members for the 2021 appeal year. It was noted that it would be important that potential appointees fully understand the time commitment as four additional members would increase the minimum needed for a quorum for deliberations from three to five. The Chairman requested that board members send him suggestions and noted that he would contact the RTM moderator and make the request for the RTM to appoint up to four additional members. The Assessor suggested this request happen sooner rather than later.

6. **Adjourn**

Harold Zawadski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol DePietro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Ruppert adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Griffin
Secretary
Board of Assessment Appeals