

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Bethel Board of Assessment Appeals** was held in Meeting Room B of the CJH Municipal Center, 1 School St. Bethel, CT on March 3, 2015

Present: A.J. Bernard, Linda C. Curtis, Amy Mannion

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by A.J. Bernard.

L.Curtis entered the meeting at 6:45

Minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were approved.

New Business:

Appeal of Eaton Aerospace LLC: P40322 (2014) P40322-A (2011-2013); This appeal was rescheduled for March 11, 2015

Appeal of Steiner Inc. P40881; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Appellant cancelled appointment.

Appeal of Sprinkles & Jimmies P42574; Allison Hughs-Randall appeared for the appellant. Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Although appellant is not presently in business, they failed to notify the Assessor's Office or file the 2014 Personal Property declaration, therefore the mandatory 25% penalty for late filing stands. In order to be removed from the 2015 Grand List, the appellant was instructed to send a letter to the Assessor's Office informing them that they no longer operate a business in Bethel.

Appeal of Teresa Fogel P42653; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Although appellant is not presently in business, she failed to notify the Assessor's Office or file the 2014 Personal Property declaration, therefore the mandatory 25% penalty for late filing stands. In order to be removed from the 2015 Grand List, the appellant was instructed to send a letter to the Assessor's Office informing them that she is no longer conducting business in Bethel.

Appeal of Nicholas A. Cucharale P40850; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Appellants claim they did not receive notification to file their Personal Property Declaration in 2014. Upon receiving notice of penalty due to failure to file, appellants filed the form. By state statute, a 25% penalty must be imposed upon late filers, regardless of the reason, therefore this penalty cannot be removed.

Appeal of Cycling Sports Group P40171; Sean Hathorn appeared for the appellants. Adjustment: \$TBD; Appellant claims they did not receive the letter from the Assessor's Office giving them an extension until November 17 and assuming that they would be granted the 45 day extension that they requested, subsequently filed the 2014 Personal

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Property Declaration on December 1, 2014. Since this was after the actual extension due date, the penalty stands. At issue is whether or not their equipment exemption is forfeited because they did not file their return in a timely manner.

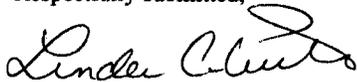
Appeal of Mario Chiara P41074; Adjustment: \$TBD; Appellant requested his appointment be rescheduled.

Appeal of Naomi Hambrecht P42633; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Although appellant is not presently in business, they failed to notify the Assessor's Office or file the 2014 Personal Property declaration, therefore the mandatory 25% penalty for late filing stands. In order to be removed from the 2015 Grand List, the appellant was instructed to send a letter to the Assessor's Office informing them that she no longer operates a business in Bethel.

Appeal of Jason M. Wittman P42653; Adjustment: \$TBD; Reason: Appellant claims that he resides in Southbury and also that he paid 2014 taxes to Kentucky on his automobile, having only moved to Connecticut in August 2014. The latter claim was dismissed by the Board since he was a Connecticut resident on October 1, 2014. As to the former claim, the tax assessment may be transferred to Southbury if that is his residence. A third issue is that the assessment was based on a 2012 Buick while his vehicle is a 2000 Buick.

A motion was made by L.Curtis to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by A.Mannion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda C. Curtis
Secretary, Board of Assessment Appeals