

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Bethel Board of Assessment Appeals** was held in Meeting Room A of the CJH Municipal Center, 1 School St. Bethel, CT on March 11, 2015

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by A.J. Bernard.

Minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Appeal of Cycling Sports Group P40171; Adjustment: \$0; Reason: The law states that their equipment exemption is forfeited because they failed to file their Personal Property Declaration by the extended due date of November 17, 2014.

Appeal of Jason M. Wittman P42653; Adjustment: \$0; Reason: Appellant's vehicle was in Bethel as of October 1, 2014 but for 2015, it will be moved to the Grand List of Southbury where he is now residing.

Appeal of 33 Long Meadow Lane; Adjustment \$0 Reason: Information presented to the Board did not accurately pertain to the property. Unanimous decision.

Appeal of Operation VetFit P41455; Adjustment \$0 Reason: The Board reviewed documents that appellant provided and consulted the Black Law Dictionary. It was determined that he did not meet the definition of donation and dues as required under Connecticut Law. A copy of the Dictionary pertaining to these definitions will be sent with the determination letter. Motion by AJ Bernard; A.Mannion abstained; motion carried.

New Business:

Appeal of 2 Linda Lane; Adjustment:\$-8,260 Reason: The Field Card was found to be in error, listing a finished area over the garage when it was actually unfinished space. Unanimous decision.

Appeal of 157 Chestnut Ridge Road; Adjustment: \$TBD Reason: The Board will review information presented at the hearing.

Appeal of 43 Windaway Road; Adjustment: \$-19,250 (but subject to further investigation). Reason: Area over garage was listed as finished space on the field card

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while it is actually unfinished. The appellant brought in new information regarding the land value. The Board will review this.

Appeal of Transylvania Gym & Soccer LLC, P42369; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Appellant did not file a Personal Property Declaration and the Board cannot remove the 25% penalty per state statute. He was advised to file in October 2015 to avoid future penalties.

Appeal of 21 Nashville Rd Ext.; Adjustment: \$TBD Reason: The appellant will bring a map to the Assessor's office and the property will be walked to see if topography and placement of the lot lowers its value in comparison to neighboring lots.

Appeal of 27 Grassy Plain Street; Adjustment: \$TBD Reason: Claimant states that he did submit his 2013 Income and Expense report to the Assessor's office but there is no record of it. Although the Board cannot remove the penalty for not filing, the report will be reviewed for possible adjustments to the assessment.

Appeal of 48 Apollo Road; Adjustment: \$ -24,260 Reason: The Assessor reviewed the property information and determined that the assessed value should be \$56,620. Board was in unanimous agreement.

Appeal of Eaton Aerospace LLC: P40322 (2014) P40322-A (2011-2013); Adjustment: \$TBD Reason: Shane Lanan, tax manager from DMA, presented arguments regarding the assessment. Claimant will endeavor to get a corrected asset list to the assessor before the end of the month.

Appeal of 1 Turnage Lane; Adjustment: \$TBD Reason: Attorney Michael Trella appeared for the appellant. The value of the land is being questioned. The Board will review this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Curtis
Secretary, Board of Assessment Appeals