

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 18, 2016

**Present:** A.J.Bernard, Diana Carlino, Linda Curtis,

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by A.J.Bernard at 7:00 p.m.

.L. Curtis made a motion to add old business to the agenda - Discussion of all undecided cases: Connecticut Coining, Shepard's Inc., Johnny's Painting, Ferris Automotive, Mono-Crete Step, Arrowhead, 84 Putnam Park Rd., and Bethel Housing Authority. Second by D.Carlino; all in favor.

The minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by D. Carlino, second by AJ Bernard.

**New Business:**

Appeal of Kara, 67 Grassy Plain Street, R02942; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Appellant did not file a complete income and expense report. By law, the Board cannot remove the 10% penalty for failure to file required documents.

Appeal of Verner Revocable Trust, 134 Grassy Plain Street, R06129; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Appellant did not appear for the hearing.

Appeal of Verner, Karl Evans Fabrication, P40965; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Appellant did not appear for the hearing.

Appeal of Mazzone, P42185; Adjustment: \$ Remove two vehicles Reason: Blue Astro Van was donated in 2011; Red Cruiser was junked in spring 2015.

Appeal of Gillain-Regney, P42645; Adjustment: \$ 0 Reason: By state stature, the Board is not empowered to remove the penalty for late filing no matter what the circumstances are.

Appeal of 12 Wolfpits Road, Andrew James, P42558; Adjustment: \$ 0 Reason: The tax bill is for a BMW motorcycle which he owns.

Appeal of Simko P427698; Adjustment: \$ Full reduction. Reason: Appellant provided documents showing that she is an office manager and was no longer a Realtor, therefore not subject to filing a personal property declaration. Unanimous decision.

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Appeal of Two Stony Hill Road LLC, P00934; Adjustment: TBD Reason: The Board is requesting that the assessor review the appellant's claim that the leasable square footage they are being taxed on is incorrect.

**Old Business:**

Appeal of Connecticut Coining, P40236; Sheila Mulhearn and William Luna represented the Appellant. Adjustment: \$ 0 Reason: The receipts provided to the Board showed that they paid to have roll-offs but there was no listing of items, therefore there was no way for the Board to determine exactly what was disposed of and when. Motion by AJ Bernard to deny the appeal, second by L. Curtis. D.Carlino cast a dissenting vote.

Appeal of Shepard's Inc. P40845; Adjustment: \$ 0 Reason: The tax assessor verified with the auditor that the items that were being claimed as included in error on the appellant's asset list were actually not included in the audit. AJ Bernard made the motion to deny, second by D. Carlino; all in favor

Appeal of Johnny's Painting. John Rios, P42742; Adjustment: New assessment: \$1,040 plus 25% penalty, total \$1,300. Reason: After meeting with the Board, the appellant brought in a personal property declaration to the Assessor's office. The Board found the amounts claimed to be reasonable but by state statute, cannot remove the 25% penalty for failure to file.

Appeal of Ferris Automotive LLC. Roger Ferris, P40365; Adjustment: \$-500 Reason: The Board found the appellant's statement to have merit. Motion by J Bernard, second by D. Carlino; all in favor.

Appeal of Mono-Crete Step Co, LLC P40650; Adjustment: \$-50,770 Reason: The manufacturing exemption form was not submitted with the Personal Property Declaration which was filed on November 2, 2015 but was later submitted to the Assessor's office on December 15, 2015. The Board determined by unanimous decision to allow the manufacturing exemption but per state statute, cannot remove the penalty for late filing of required documents.

Appeal of Arrowhead, Michael Duff appearing for appellant. Adjustment: Remove office equipment from 2013 and 2014 assessments. Reason: Appellant The Board researched State Statute Chapter 203, Section 12-57 and 12 - 60 and determined that these two sections were independent of each other. Therefore, the appellant, who paid his taxes under protest, is entitled to request a Certificate of Correction and receive a refund equal to the amount of tax paid on the office equipment. AJ Bernard made this motion, second by L. Curtis; all in favor.

Appeal of 84 Putnam Park Road, R05907; Adjustment: \$-7,700 Reason: AJ Bernard and a member of the Assessors's office conducted an in-house inspection and made field card adjustments. Unanimous decision.

**Appeal of Bethel Housing Authority, Reynolds Ridge, R04555; Adjustment: \$ 0 Reason:  
Appellant withdrew this appeal**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Curtis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "C".

**Linda Curtis  
Secretary, Board of Assessment Appeals**