MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Bethel Board of Assessment Appeals** was held in the Assessor's Office of the CJH Municipal Center, 1 School St. Bethel, CT on March 25, 2014

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

Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by A.J. Bernard.

Minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by A.J.Bernard and second by A.Mannion

New Business:

Appeal of Seven-Eleven, 17 Stony Hill Rd; Adjustment: $0; Reason: Appellant did not appear for the hearing.

Old Business:

Appeal of 16 Empire Ln.; Adjustment: $0; Reason: Appellant was not available for the Tax Assessor to do a walk-through in the time allotted, therefore no new evidence was presented for consideration and the assessment stands. Decision was unanimous.

Appeal of 11 Durant Ave.; Adjustment: New assessment @5.60/sq.ft to bring it in line with other comparables = $2,789,400; Motion made by A. Mannion, second by L.Curtis. Decision was unanimous.

Appeal of Old Dodgingtown Rd 91 54 02; Adjustment: $0; Reason: Board reviewed Public Act 490 pertaining to Forest Land, section 12-107D-3 which provides detailed information on qualifications for this classification. The State Forester's report dated 4/18/2009 lists a total of 26.1 acres deemed to be forest land. The Tax Assessor's Field Cards listed forest land of 26.1 total acres, in complete agreement with the State Forester's report. It is beyond the scope and expertise of the Board to make a determination contrary to the Forester's findings. If the appellant disagrees with the amount of land classified as forest, he will have to request the CT DEP reevaluate the land. Motion made by A. Mannion, second by L.Curtis. Decision was unanimous.

Appeal of 14-36 Durant Ave.; Adjustment: $0; Reason: Information presented did not prove the Appellant's assessment to the Board's satisfaction. Motion by A.J. Bernard, and second by L.Curtis. Decision was unanimous.

Appeal of Personal Property P40523, Sandvick Wire & Heating; Adjustment: $0; Reason: Items in question appeared on the Appellant's depreciation schedule for their Bethel, CT location. Evidence presented did not sufficiently show proof to the contrary.

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Appellant is advised to review their asset list prior to filing any future Personal Property Declarations. Motion by AJ Bernard, and second by A.Mannion. Decision was unanimous.

A motion was made by A.Mannion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by L.Curtis. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda C.Curtis
Secretary, Board of Assessment Appeals