

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

67 Ripley Hill Road
Barkhamsted, CT 06063

MINUTES

DATE: September 18, 2014

MOTOR VEHICLE ASSESSMENT APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING

Members Present:

- Brainard, R.
- Walker, P
- Warren, J

Alternates Present:

- Blackburn, S
- Kaczynski, J

Seated:

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Others:

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

HEARINGS:

Martha Sullivan, 28 Robin Drive, self-represented. The appeal is from assessment of a 1959 MGA, HDK 4358582 for an assessed value of \$7,170. Appellant presented photographs of the vehicle and testified under oath that no modifications of the vehicle had been made and that it was in “stock” condition. The issue presented was whether the vehicle is an “antique” motor vehicle within the meaning of pertinent statutes.

Wayne Dethlefsen, 26 Fuller Road, self-represented. The appeal is from assessment, 2013 MV 0000582, of a 2007 Chevrolet LD 2500 pickup truck for an assessed value of \$15,520. Appellant testified under oath that the vehicle should be appropriately classified as a “work

truck”, that the vehicle has 77,000 miles on the odometer, that it has a diesel engine and that it has numerous dents and has lost its rear bumper. Appellant presented evidence of values of comparable vehicles. Board members inspected the vehicle. The issue presented is whether assessment under NADA Official Car Guides is appropriate for this vehicle, features and condition.

Appeals hearings were closed at 7:35 PM.

DECISIONS:

Martha Sullivan:

After review of Appellant’s evidence and of pertinent sections of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board determined, on motion of Brainard, seconded by Warren, that the assessment of the 1959 MGA is reduced to \$500, pursuant to section 12-71(b) of the general statutes. The Board found that the appellant had presented substantial evidence that the vehicle is in unmodified, or stock, condition and is an “antique vehicle” as defined in section 14-1(3) of the general statutes.

Wayne Dethlefsen: After review of Appellant’s evidence, inspection of the vehicle and review of NADA Official Car Guides, the Board determined, on motion of Warren, seconded by Brainard, to make no change in the assessment. The Board found, in keeping with its standard practice for review of motor vehicle assessments, that the NADA Official Car Guides are appropriate for assessment of this vehicle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Brainard, seconded by Warren, the Board approved minutes of its Special Meeting of April 30, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Brainard, seconded by Warren, the Board adjourned the motor vehicle appeals hearings and meeting at 8:29 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Philip N. Walker, Chairman