

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2013
SALEM TOWN HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2**

Members Present: Robert Green, Frank Abetti, Diane Woronik

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Robert Green.

The following is the list of appellants and appointment times:

9:00 AM Betty Weseman 239 Buckley Rd., Salem, CT 06420 860-303-4745
List Number: 526

Betty Weseman was sworn in by R. Green.

Appellant claim:

- Assessment was done by old house plans

The Board reviewed the Assessor's information and concluded the Assessor had already made the correct changes. The revised assessment is \$153000 1124 sq. ft., no fireplace is listed.

The appellant will be notified by mail.

9:15 AM Carl Fontneau 422 Forsyth Rd., Salem, CT 06420 860-859-0827
List Number: 374

Carl Fontneau was sworn in by R. Green.

Appellant claim:

- Assessed value of pool (\$1800)

Mr. Fontneau informed the Board the pool is a 1992 18x 36 Crestwood. The condition is not good; it needs a new pump and annual sidewall repair is done. He plans on keeping the pool for a few more years. He feels the value should be \$700, \$800 maximum.

Board Decision: The Board was not presented any documentation from the appellant to back up his statement. The pool assessment was reduced to \$1350.00
The Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

9:30 AM Christian Coale 12 Fett Rd., Salem, CT 06420 860-537-1632
List Number: 30037 2001 BMW 540T

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Board Decision: No change will be made to the assessment.
The Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

9:45 AM Charles Dimmock, Jr. 11 Hagen Rd., Salem, CT 06420 860-859-0355
List Number: 291

Charles Dimmock, Jr. was sworn in by R. Green.

Appellant claim:

- 3 deeds from parcels have been consolidated to one parcel.

Mr. Dimmock stated the parcels have always been separate; he could not understand why they have been combined.

Board Decision: The Board will research further with the Assessor; the Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

10:00 AM Mark & Kimberly Dumshcott 418 Mulberry St., Naugatuck, CT 06770 203-729-4697
List Number: 400838 Shed

Mark & Kimberly Dumshcott were sworn in by R. Green.

Appellant claim:

- Assessed value of shed

Mrs. Aldrich stated the pool was bought in 2007 for a clearance price of \$1000. She presented documentation that if she was to purchase a 24' round pool now, the expense would be less than \$2000.

Board Decision: Value of new pool \$1900 x 75% appreciation = \$1425. Appraised market value \$1425 x .70 = \$997 (\$990 assessed value).

The Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

10:15 AM Clifton O'Donal PO Box 155, Colchester, CT 06415 860-537-4666
List Number: 5

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Board Decision: No change will be made to the assessment.
The Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

10:30 PM Charles Dutch PO Box 95 Colchester, CT 06415 860-303-9999
List Number: 77

Mr. Dutch was sworn in by R. Green.

Appellant claim:

- Tax on property

Mr. Dutch claimed the town tax on the property is high; half of the property is an easement for road drainage. He stated this portion of the land is not usable.

Board Decision: The Board will research further with the Assessor; the Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

10:45 AM Scott Strayhorn 16 Myrtle Rd., Portland, CT 06480 860-575-4359
List Number: 401028

Mr. Strayhorn was sworn in by R. Green.

Appellant Claim:

- High assessment of 2005 Forest River Camper

Mr. Strayhorn contested the value of the camper by the Town.

The Board researched the average retail of the camper ($\$13090 \times .70\% = \9163.00 , assessed value.) There is a penalty fee for not filing the property declaration form. ($\$9160 + \$2500 = \$11660 \times .25 = \2915 penalty)

Board Decision: The Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

11:00 AM Fred & Sharon Stoddard 13 Pennsylvania Ave., New Britain, CT 06052 860-224-4886
List Number: 400692

Fred & Sharon Stoddard were sworn in by R. Green.

Appellant Claim:

- Increase of assessment (question if due to deck)

Mr. & Mrs. Stoddard question why such an increase in assessment, they thought it might be from the deck which is the same square footage.

The Board reviewed the documentation submitted and determined the increase was due to the shed. The 8 x 10 shed is approximately worth \$300.00 new; it is 6 years old.

Board Decision: The Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

**11:15 AM Carmen Martone 119 Main St., East Haven, CT 06512
List Number: 400448**

203-494-8588

The appellant did not attend the hearing.

Board Decision: No change will be made to the assessment.
The Appellant will be notified by mail of the Board's decision.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday at 12:00 PM in the Assessor's office.
The hearing adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary