

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS  
PROSPECT TOWN HALL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

The Prospect Board of Assessment Appeals meeting for Motor Vehicles was called to order by Marie Kluge at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Marie Kluge, Stephanie Lusas Kolodziej, Peter Blinstrubas.

Members Absent: None.

Seating of Alternates: None, quorum met.

Others Present: Susan Claiborn, Clerk.

A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to add "Set BAA Hearing dates for 2016" to the agenda, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

A motion was made by Peter Blinstrubas to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting, seconded by Stephanie L. Kolodziej. Motion Unanimous.

A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to pay board clerk Susan Claiborn \$75.00 for tonights meeting, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to set the 2016 Board of Assessment Appeals meeting dates for March 23, 2016 and September 14, 2016, both to be held at 6:00 PM in the Upper Conference Room of the Prospect Town Hall, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

The following Hearings were held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Prospect Town Hall:

6:15 PM Marcelo De Escobar, 25 Rosemary Road

Marcelo De Escobar was sworn in at 6:15 PM. Mr. De Escobar presented the board members with a copy of his wife's 2015 motor vehicle tax bill for a 2003 Volkswagen Passat, a copy of his 2015 motor vehicle tax bill for a 2002 Mitsubishi Galant, and the corresponding current NADA suggested value for each vehicle. Mr. De Escobar had a general question as to how the tax bill was set up, and stated he would contact the Assessor the following day. He believes that both vehicles are being over taxed based on their mileage. He stated that as of today, the Volkswagen Passat has mileage of 186,849. He stated that as of today, the Mitsubishi Galant has mileage of 196,104. The 2003 Volkswagen Passat has an assessed value of \$3,360.00, and yearly tax fee of \$98.21. The

2002 Mitsubishi Galant has an assessed value of \$2,330.00, and a yearly tax fee of \$68.11.

6:25 PM Frederick Witherly, 4 Boulder Brook Court Unit 44

Frederick Witherly was sworn in at 6:25 PM. Mr. Witherly presented the board members with an online printout from the tax collector's webpage of his 2015 motor vehicle tax bill for a 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee. He stated that as of today, the mileage was over 122,000. He was wondering why the assessed value, and therefore the taxes increased this year. The 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee has an assessed value of \$14,510.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$424.13.

6:35 PM William Murphy, 12 Alison Court

William Murphy was sworn in at 6:35 PM. Mr. Murphy presented the board members with a copy of his 2015 motor vehicle tax bill for a 2007 Saturn Outlook, and the corresponding Kelly Blue Book value from an internet printout. He believes that the assessment of the vehicle should be lower based on the car's high mileage, which he stated that as of today is 197,540. The 2007 Saturn Outlook has an assessed value of \$7,980.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$233.26.

6:45 PM Tina Franco, 45 Peach Orchard Road

Tina Franco was sworn in at 6:45 PM. Mrs. Franco presented the board members with a copy of her 2015 motor vehicle tax bill, as well as several printed pictures of a vehicle she owns. She stated that she believes the assessed value for her 1988 Chevrolet 1500 Series Cheyenne pickup truck is too high, based on mileage and poor condition. Mrs. Franco stated that the vehicle was only used to drive around her property at 45 Peach Orchard Road, and was hardly driven on the road. Mrs. Franco stated she believes the assessed value for a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria is too high based on mileage and poor condition. She stated that parts fall off the car as she drives and she has to go back to retrieve them. Mrs. Franco stated that she feels the assessed value of her 2004 Toyota Sienna minivan is too high based on "poor to good-ish" condition of vehicle. The 1988 Chevrolet 1500 Series Cheyenne has an assessed value of \$1,300.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$38.00. The 1999 Ford Crown Victoria has an assessed value of \$2,450.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$71.61. The 2004 Toyota Sienna has an assessed value of \$5,460.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$159.60.

6:55 PM Patricia Colby, 13 Pondview Drive

Patricia Colby was sworn in at 6:55 PM. Mrs. Colby presented the board with a photo of the vehicle in question, as well as motor vehicle tax bills for the years 2015 and 2014 for a 1966 Pontiac GTO. Mrs. Colby states that she and her husband have owned this car for many years, and have always paid \$14.49 in taxes. They spoke to the assessor, who recommended they should come to this meeting and bring pictures of the car. Mrs. Colby stated that the vehicle sits in a garage and does not run. She also stated that the roof of the garage collapsed on the car. They feel the assessed value of \$8,960 is too high, and want it to go back to \$500.00. The 1966 Pontiac GTO has an assessed value of \$8,960.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$261.90.

7:05 PM Eileen Satkunas, 232 New Haven Road

Eileen Satkunas was sworn in at 7:05 PM. Mrs. Satkunas presented the board with a copy of her son's (Michael Benson) 2015 motor vehicle tax bill for a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado, a copy of the title for said vehicle, and a piece of paper with some calculations. Mrs. Satkunas stated that she and her son felt the assessment of the vehicle was too high, based on features the truck did not have, such as power door locks, cruise control, and the work truck package. Mrs. Satkunas also stated that the vehicle has extremely high mileage she reports to be 247,006 miles as of today. She explained the deductions she calculated came from the NADA guide. The 2007 Chevrolet Silverado has an assessed value of \$11,950.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$349.30.

7:15 PM Jeffrey Cyr, 14 Stonefield Drive

Jeffrey Cyr was sworn in at 7:15 PM. Mr. Cyr presented the board members with a copy of a 2015 motor vehicle tax bill for a 2012 Cedar Creek Silver Back 5<sup>th</sup> wheel camper trailer, as well as the bill of sale for the vehicle. Mr. Cyr states that the assessed value of the camper is higher than what he paid for it, and thinks it should be lower. The 2012 Cedar Creek Silver Back has an assessed value of \$27,380.00 and a yearly tax fee of \$285.08.

A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to close the public hearings at 7:25 PM, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

Marcelo De Escobar, 25 Rosemary Road

A general discussion was held. A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to keep the assessed value of the 2003 Volkswagen Passat at \$3,360.00, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous. A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to change the assessed value of the 2002 Mitsubishi Galant to \$1,175.00, Seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

Frederick Witherly, 4 Boulder Brook Court Unit 44

A general discussion was held. A motion was made by Marie Kluge to change the assessed value of the 2006 Jeep Cherokee to \$11,500.00, seconded by Stephanie L. Kolodziej. Motion Unanimous.

William Murphy, 12 Alison Court

A general discussion was held. A motion was made by Peter Blinstrubas to change the assessed value of the 2007 Saturn Outlook to \$5,000.00, seconded by Marie Kluge. Motion Unanimous.

Tina Franco, 45 Peach Orchard Road

A general discussion was held. A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to keep the assessed value of the 1988 Chevrolet 1500 Series Cheyenne at \$1,300.00, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous. A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to keep the assessed value of the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria at \$2,450.00, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous. A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to

keep the assessed value of the 2004 Toyota Sienna at \$5,460.00, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

Patricia Colby, 13 Pondview Drive

A general discussion was held. A motion was made by Marie Kluge to keep the assessed value of the 1966 Pontiac GTO at \$8,960.00, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

Eileen Satkunas, 232 New Haven Road

A general discussion was held. A motion was made by Stephanie L. Kolodziej to change the assessed value of the 2007 Chevrolet Silverado to \$7,475.00, seconded by Peter Blinstrubas. Motion Unanimous.

Jeffrey Cyr, 14 Stonefield Drive

A general discussion was held. A motion was made by Peter Blinstrubas to keep the assessed value of the 2012 Cedar Creek Silver Back at \$27,380.00, seconded by Stephanie L. Kolodziej. Motion Unanimous.

A motion was made by Marie Kluge at 7:43 PM to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stephanie L. Kolodziej. Motion Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Susan Claiborn, Clerk

  
Marie Kluge, Chairperson

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