

Minutes and Actions of the Manchester Board of Assessment Appeals
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BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS



Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Members present: David Dumaine, Stephanie Knybel, Bill Overton, Dave Wichman, and Tim Bergin

Members and Alternates absent: Aprill Shines

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

NOTE: The Board of Assessment Appeals is normally not empowered to hold hearings or deliberations in November. However in 2017, the State of Connecticut legislative process was delayed by several months due to issues involving the State budget and State grants to municipalities. On October 31, 2017, Governor Malloy signed General Assembly Bill No. 1502, “AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET.” Section 666 (d) of this act contained the following language: *(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-112, any board of assessment appeals of a municipality that mailed or distributed, prior to the effective date of this section, bills to taxpayers for motor vehicle property taxes based on assessments made for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, shall hear or entertain any appeals related to such assessments not later than December 15, 2017.* Though Manchester’s Board of Assessment Appeals had their required September meeting for the purpose of conducting motor vehicle appeal hearings, on September 9, 2017, Manchester’s motor vehicle tax bills were not mailed until late September. In order to ensure compliance with the language shown from Bill No. 1502, after consulting with the Town Attorney’s Office and Office of Assessment & Collection, Manchester’s Board of Assessment Appeals determined that the best course of action was to hold another meeting to conduct motor vehicle appeals so that there would be hearings held between the time the motor vehicle tax bills were mailed and the December 15, 2017 date listed in Bill No. 1502. However, in June 2017, since Manchester’s tax bill mailing was going to be delayed, the Town of Manchester promised taxpayers that they would be able to appeal their motor vehicle assessments on the October 1, 2016 Grand List by filing an appeal by February 20, 2018, with the hearings held in March 2018. Since this promise was made before Bill No. 1502 was written, the Town of Manchester determined that taxpayers would still be allowed to file motor vehicle appeals by the February 20, 2018 deadline, and have their appeal heard at either the November 28, 2017 meeting, or in March 2018. However, no taxpayer can appeal their motor vehicle assessment on the October 1, 2016 Grand List in both November 2017 and March 2018, taxpayers are allowed one hearing, not two.

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Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Assessment appeals heard/deliberated (Motor Vehicle appeals only):

1. Denise Schaeffer, 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche
Decision: Change full value to \$8,750, assessed value to \$6,130 (Vote 5-0)
2. Nicu Trattner, 2013 Chevrolet Cruze LT
Decision: No change, insufficient evidence (Vote 5-0)
3. Denise Schaeffer, 2002 Nissan Maxima
Decision: Reduce full value to \$2,900 and prorate (Vote 5-0)
4. Denis Schaeffer, 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier
Decision: No change, insufficient evidence (Vote 5-0)
5. Scott Brown, 2004 Ford F-150
Decision: No change, insufficient evidence (Vote 5-0)
6. Frank Parseliti, 2007 Toyota Camry
Decision: Reduce full value to \$5,810, assessed value to \$4,070 (Vote 5-0)
7. Matthew Saucier, 2006 Ford F-150
Decision: Reduce full value to \$13,950, assessed value to \$9,770 (Vote 5-0)

Other business: Stephanie Knybel made a motion to accept the minutes of the prior Board of Assessment Appeals meetings held in 2017 (January 2017, March 2017, and September 2017). David Dumaine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by: William Overton, Secretary