## BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS 127 NORWICH AVENUE COLCHESTER, CONNECTICUT 06415 (860) 537-7205

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012

Members Present: David Anderson, Jeff Brainard

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by David Anderson.

Item #2 on the agenda to approve the minutes. Jeff Brainard made a motion to accept the minutes. David Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes from the April 21, 2012 meeting were accepted.

Item #3 on the agenda to hear citizen's comments. There were no citizens present for the meeting.

Item #4 on the agenda to conduct scheduled hearings in regards to the 2011 Grand List specific for Real Estate and Business Personal Property.

- 1.) Thomas Maikshilo, owner of a 1985 Jeep Laredo, appealed the value placed on the unregistered motor vehicle. He stated there is nothing new from last year's appeal and the vehicle is still not road worthy and used only on the property. There was general discussion in regards to a decision the Board made to give unregistered motor vehicles 20 years and older and assessment of \$500.
- 2.) Thomas Accardi (represented by Raymond Wachtarz), owner of 284 Halls Hill Road, appealed the value placed on the property. There was general discussion in regards to statutes pertaining to property devastated by file. He stated that there are plans to renovate the house and to receive a Certificate of Occupancy this summer. He also submitted a letter from an attorney pertaining to the condition of the structure.
- 3.) Susan Mende, owner of 39 Jaffe Terrace, appealed the value placed on the property. There was general discussion in regards to errors on the field card, a comparable on the same street and documents from a realtor provided. She stated the pool is in great disrepair, the fence is falling down and floors and rugs are in need of replacing which should all be taken into consideration with the assessment.
- 4.) James McNair, owner of 19 Esther Lane, appealed the value placed on the property. There was general discussion in regards to comparables provided, the percentage of decreases and the differences between properties in town.

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5.) Commerce Center LLC (represented by Lauren Elliott), owner of 188 Norwich Avenue, appealed the value placed on the property. There was general discussion in regards to the contaminated land, the finish in the offices, and the unit count vs. vacancies. She feels the property should be valued at \$800,000.

The following decisions were made in reference to the appeal hearings that were held on Thursday, April 21, 2012.

 Thomas Maikshilo, owner of a 1985 Jeep Laredo, to receive a decrease in assessment from \$1,110 to \$500. The motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Jeff Brainard. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Brainard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel M. Lewandowski Secretary, BAA