

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**  
**April 10, 2014**

The Board of Assessment Appeals met on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Members present were Betty Richards and David Harma. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following appeals were heard:

Vandal Paul & Sally – 4 Smith St.

The Vandals feel their assessment is not consistent with the neighborhood. In their neighborhood are empty buildings that are in need of repair that bring the value of properties down. Their neighbor has had his house on the market for about a year and has not been able to sell due to the condition of surrounding houses. He compared his land value on an acreage basis to his neighbors and his value is twice the average. Their value is higher than everyone in the neighborhood. The Vandals and the house on the corner of the street are the only ones in the neighborhood that are in a flood zone.

Andros, Jakob & Shannon – 130 Farmholme Rd.

Mr. Andros stated that he paid \$350,000 for this property in November 2013. He submitted an appraisal for the property. He also compared his value to his neighbors.

**DECISION:** Both Board members voted to change the assessment to \$280,700.

Blue Hill Bay LLC d/b/a Inn at Stonington – Personal Property

Bill Griffin appeared before the Board. An audit was performed by the Town on his personal property. After a discussion with the auditor and the Assessor, an agreement was made to the values for his personal property assessment.

**DECISION:** Both Board members voted to change the assessment for 2010 to \$72,211 including omitted penalty; for 2011 to \$73,961; for 2012 to \$81,486 and for 2013 to \$84,111.

Kleeman Chiropractic – Personal Property

Dr. Kleeman appeared before the Board. A personal property audit was performed for her chiropractic office for the 2010 grand list. She moved her business to the Groton side of Mystic in 2011. She believes the audit figures are too high. She did not have the same equipment when she was located in Stonington as she did in Groton. She submitted information pertaining to what she had in Stonington. She also believes she should not be charged interest for not paying the additional tax based on the audited figures on a timely basis.

McCarthy Catherine – 48 William St.

Ms. McCarthy compared her assessment to surrounding properties. She feels the value of her property is about \$210,000. Her garage may be bigger than others but it has a wood floor so she cannot park a car in it.

Masons Island Boatyard LLC – 24 Old North Rd.  
Attorney Karl-Erik Sternlof appeared before the Board. There are two entities involved with this property. Masons Island Boatyard LLC owns the real estate and Mystic Yacht owns the personal property. He feels that the docks are over assessed. They should be taxed as personal property; not real estate.

DECISION: Both Board members voted to deny the petition.

Turner, William – Kentford Farm LLC – Personal Property

Mr. Turner stated that he has been filling out his personal property declaration incorrectly in the past. He submitted a corrected personal property declaration. He stated he has an old computer and a cooler in the barn. He also has miscellaneous old tools and equipment.

The minutes for the April 9, 2014 meeting were accepted as read.

Taste of India did not appear for their appointment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Richards".

Betty Richards  
Secretary