

1 **MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS MEETING HELD**
2 **ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 6 P.M., ROOM 210, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST., CHESHIRE, CT 06410**
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5 Present:

6 Laura DeCaprio; Chair, Michael O'Brien, Harold Jordan Jr.

8 Staff/Guests:

9 Chris McCardle, Town Assessor; Shain Strother, Minutes Clerk

11 Absent:

13 Laura DeCaprio called the meeting to order at 6 P.M.

15 **1. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

16 Laura DeCaprio called the roll, and all Committee members were present.

18 **2. HEAR APPEALS**

19 The board heard an appeal from Scott Sokolik regarding his rebuilt salvage 2016 Toyota Highlander. The board
20 told him that the state is no longer taking appeals for rebuilt salvage titles, because of the new way that the state is
21 calculating taxes for motor vehicles. The board talked to Mr. Sokolik about the damage sustained to his vehicle,
22 and about the particularities of the state's new policies. The board told him that they would discuss his appeal
23 with the town assessor and inform him by mail after the decision is rendered.

25 The board heard an appeal from Tai Ningwen regarding his 2017 Subaru Forester with 184,870 miles on it. They
26 also heard his appeal regarding his 2003 Toyota Camry with 284,955 miles on it. They also heard an appeal
27 regarding his 2001 Toyota Sienna with 161,565 miles on it. The board told him about options regarding cars over
28 20 years of age which can reduce his tax burden. The board told him that they would discuss his appeal with the
29 town assessor and inform him by mail after the decision is rendered.

31 The board heard an appeal from Andrei Andreiovik regarding his 2014 Mazda CX-5 Touring and 2015 Toyota
32 Highlander Hybrid, both of which are high mileage vehicles. They also explained the state's new tax calculation
33 method for motor vehicles and their depreciation rates. They also explained that the DMV is using JDPower's
34 motor vehicle assessment book to assess each vehicle's fair value rate, upon which the car is taxed. The board told
35 him that they would discuss his appeal with the town assessor and inform him by mail after the decision is
36 rendered.

38 The board heard an appeal from Jemma Kazi regarding her two rebuilt salvage motor vehicle titles, a 2010 BMW
39 650I Coupe and a 2018 Audi A7. They explained the state's new tax calculation method for motor vehicles,
40 noting that rebuilt salvage titles are no longer viable for tax deductions. The board told her that they would
41 discuss her appeal with the town assessor and inform her by mail after the decision is rendered.

43 The board heard an appeal from Robert Massaro regarding the assessment of his 2008 Volkswagen Passant. He
44 said its latest assessed value was \$3980, and he continued to own the vehicle. He said the car had 213,737 miles
45 on it. He also showed the board a picture of every single dash light being on, and said it was not safe to take on
46 the highway. He said he only drives it a short distance to work. Mr. Massaro said that he got a list of everything
47 wrong with the car, and he got an update of the Kelly Blue Book assessment. The board discussed the state's new
48 tax calculation method for motor vehicles with Mr. Massaro, including that the state no longer looks at many
49 factors they used to look at. The board told him that they would discuss his appeal with the town assessor and
50 inform him by mail after the decision is rendered.

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3. ADJOURNMENT

Harold Jordan Jr. moved to end the meeting, and Michael O'Brien seconded the motion. All in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



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Attest:

Shain Strother, Minutes Clerk