

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Bethel Board of Assessment Appeals** was held in Meeting Room A of the CJH Municipal Center, 1 School St. Bethel, CT on March 8, 2016

**Present:** A.J.Bernard, Diana Carlino, Linda Curtis,

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by A.J.Bernard at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting were tabled until the next meeting

New Business:

Appeal of McCue P42628; Adjustment:\$0 Reason: Appellants cancelled their hearing.

Appeal of Johnny's Painting. John Rios, P42742; Adjustment: \$ TBD Reason: Appellant did not file a declaration because he was unaware of the requirement until he received the letter from the Assessor's office. The Board gave him instructions on how to fill out the form and told him to file the completed form within the next few days. The Board will review it if it is received in time. The 25% penalty for failure to file cannot be removed by state statute.

Appeal of Wry Bred. Julie Sorcek, P42739; Adjustment: \$0 Reason: Appellant did not file a declaration because she was unaware of the requirement until she received the letter from the Assessor's office. She plans to dissolve the dba for 2016. The 25% penalty for failure to file cannot be removed by state statute.

Appeal of Claudia Schoen Smith, P42822; Adjustment: Remove New York registered motor home from the tax roll. The two Jeeps are taxable in Bethel. Reason: The two Jeeps are garaged in Bethel (one was subsequently sold in February 2016). The motor home however, is garaged for 90% of the year in New York State therefore, should not be taxed in Bethel.

Appeal of Ferris Automotive LLC. Roger Ferris, P40365; Adjustment: \$ TBD Reason: Appellant claims that a computer which was listed on the EDP category was already included in the Furniture & Fixtures category. The Board is requesting that the Assessor's office review the Declaration to evaluate this claim.

Appeal of Reliable Capital Source LLC, Julie Drake, P42235, Assessment adjustment: \$-2650 Reason: The original filing was incorrect, listing the same assets in two different categories. Although this error was already brought to the Assessor's attention, the Board advised the Appellant to refile the Declaration with assets properly classified.

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Appeal of Raymond Simpson and S & S Electric Contractors LLC P40852; Adjustment: \$ 0 Reason: The 25% penalty for filing late cannot be removed by state statute.

Appeal of Mono-Crete Step Co, LLC P40650; Adjustment: \$ TBD Reason: The manufacturing exemption form was not submitted with the Personal Property Declaration which was filed on November 2, 2015 but was later submitted to the Assessor's office on December 15, 2015. The Board determined by unanimous decision to allow the manufacturing exemption but per state statute, cannot remove the 25% penalty for failure to file on time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with a motion by AJ Bernard and second by D. Carlino.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Curtis".

Linda Curtis  
Secretary, Board of Assessment Appeals