

Minutes, Board of Assessment Appeals
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The Board of Assessment Appeals met at 9:00 am at the Durham Town Hall.

In attendance were Rob Raney, Laurie Stevens & Jay Berardino.

Note: This meeting was to deliberate and vote on two cases heard on March 31st 2010 with Laurie Stevens & Jay Berardino in attendance.

Name Leone Donofrio		Address 121 Foot Hills Road
Issue(s) Assessed value on supplemental motor vehicle bill at \$23,000 exceeds actual purchase price (new) of \$19,325		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application Rejected	3 votes to reject application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Accepted	
Notes 3/31: \$23,000 is the blue book value of the vehicle, however, the applicant purchased it for \$24,160 with a dealer discount of \$4835, copy of bill of sale submitted.		
Notes 4/24: All agreed with assessor's logic that assessments should be based on the true value of a vehicle and not take into account if the owner received a discount upon purchase that was not based on a reduction in value.		
Chair's Signature		

Name Pasquale Dinatale		Address 35R Catherine Drive
Issue(s) These homes are being struck by bullets, it would be very difficult to sell		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Application Rejected	2 vote aye (Rob Raney & Laurie Stevens), 1 vote no (Jay Berardino)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Accepted	
Reduction in Appraisal (100%) Value \$180,000		Reduction in Assessed Value (70% of MV) \$126,000
Previous Assessed Value \$639,170		New Assessed Value \$513,170
Notes 3/31/10: Applicant believes he should receive at least the same 30% discount this board voted unanimously to give Mr. Kenneth DeVito (see minutes of 3-13-2010). Applicant reports four bullet strikes on his house and extensive news coverage with his name both in print and on TV. He is involved in two active lawsuits against Blue Trail Range and the town of Wallingford and feels he is bearing the full load of the lawsuits while many of his neighbors are avoiding publicity, thus his house value is in more jeopardy. Applicant presented a map prepared by Benjamin Engineering, based on data from the latest study, that shows 582 properties within a 3-mile radius "strike range" of one of four firing ranges.		
Notes 4/24/10: All agreed that the issue of extensive news coverage was not a factor to be considered as disclosure would probably be required upon sale of any homes struck by bullets. After much discussion about whether the impact of loss of value of a very high-end property was comparable to a moderately priced property, Rob moved to reduce the appraised value by \$180,000, Laurie seconded.		
Chair's Signature		

Note: application for Caterina Dinatale on Mauro Drive was withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,
Laurie B. Stevens