

## **Motor Vehicle Assessment Appeals**

The Board of Assessment Appeals meets in March for those having grievances with Real Estate, Personal Property & Motor Vehicle values on the 10/1/2023 Grand List and 2022 Motor Vehicle Supplemental Grand List and in September for Motor Vehicle Appeals **only**. When the meeting dates are set they will be published in the Fairfield Citizen and online at [www.eastonct.gov](http://www.eastonct.gov).

To obtain an appointment for the March hearings you must submit a completed application by February 20, 2024. Applications are available in the Assessor's Office or on the Board of Assessment Appeals page at [www.eastonct.gov](http://www.eastonct.gov) February 1, 2024. You will be notified by mail on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> indicating the date, time and place of your scheduled hearing.

September Motor Vehicle appeals are on walk-in, first-come-first-serve basis. Applications are available on the Town Website Board of Assessment Appeals page to print out and complete prior to the meeting. It would be helpful to let the Assessor's Office know ahead of time that you are planning to attend the appeals so the Board will have your assessment information ready for your appeal.

Motor Vehicle assessments are **as of October 1, 2023** Grand List date. Most vehicles assessments are based on clean retail price in the JD Powers National Automobile Dealers Association price guides and the pricing procedure recommended by the Office of Policy and Management are used throughout the state. (If a vehicle value cannot be obtained through the NADA Guides, the Assessor's Office will use comparable vehicle internet searches or purchase price with applied depreciation).

You may apply for a high mileage reduction based on schedules in the N.A.D.A. price guides during the Grand List preparation stage annually in December\*, please bring the vehicle to Town Hall so staff can visually inspect the vehicles odometer during the application period.

When filling out the application for the appeal, list the reason for the appeal (i.e. high mileage, inoperable, damage, etc.) "high taxes " is not acceptable reason for appeal.

Please bring the vehicle with you to the meeting so the Board can visually inspect the vehicle. Also, be sure to bring any other pertinent information to show the Board, such as salvage/rebuilt titles, repair estimates & invoices, pictures of damage, odometer disclosure statements, etc.

Note: If you are granted a reduction for a bill which you have already paid you will be issued a refund. In the event that you appeal your assessment but do not pay your taxes or make insufficient payment within the original payment period for the tax, you shall be subject to all interest and penalties in the same manner as any tax due as provided by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

**\*NOTE: 2024 Application will change to September, Due by 10/01/2024 Grand List Date**