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### BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (203) 563-0121



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

April 1, 2021

Cynthia L. Smith Esq., Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan 500 West Putnam Ave Greenwich, CT 06830



RE: Board of Assessment Appeals Hearing Date

Dear Taxpayer,

We have received your application for an appeal. Due to recent events we will be hosting hearings remotely via Zoom. Below you will find your scheduled hearing information.

PROPERTY TYPE/ACCT #:

Residential/Account #000228

OWNER(S):

Smokey Hormel

PROPERTY LOCATION:

85 Hickory Hill Rd

DATE OF APPEAL HEARING:

April 20, 2021

TIME OF APPEAL HEARING:

7:20pm

PLACE: Hearings will be held via Zoom. The information required to attend these hearing will also be posted on the town website. Please use the below link.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84643563767?pwd=MDZ4YW5MWEErbTR1Ym5jUDRHZ3NkUT09

\*\*Please note, any documents NOT already submitted with your application MUST be sent to the Assessor's Office 48 hours prior to your scheduled hearing. Documents can be emailed to <a href="mailto:Assessor@wiltonct.org">Assessor@wiltonct.org</a> or faxed to 203-563-0293. Documents not previously submitted will be unable to be heard during the hearings.

Thank you,

Board of Assessment Appeals



Jennifer Pirrello
500 West Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830
Tel 203.862.2315 | Fax 203.869.1951
jpirrello@wbamct.com

March 19, 2021

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Wilton Town Hall 238 Danbury Road Wilton, CT 06897 Attention: Assessor's Office

Re: 69, 73, 85, and 87 Hickory Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed herewith please find four (4) original executed Petition to the Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of Wilton and related supporting documentation for properties located at 69, 73, 87, and 85 Hickory Hill Road in Wilton Connecticut. I appreciate your providing the undersigned with a hearing date at your next earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Jennifer Pirrello

Legal Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

# AUTHORIZATION

# TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, Smokey Hormel, does hereby authorize Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan LLC, including but not limited to, its attorneys Cynthia L. Smith, Esq. and Brittany R. Young, Esq., to represent Smokey Hormel, in the Real Estate Tax Appeal with the Wilton Board of Assessment Appeals for 85 Hickory Hill Road (parcel #228) and 69 Hickory Hill Road (parcel #227). 87 Hickory Hill Road (parcel #223),73 Hickory Hill Road (parcel #225)

Smokey Hormel

# WILTON BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS APPLICATION

## **REAL ESTATE**

October 1, 2020 Grand List



Pursuant to CT General Statues Section 12-111, BAA applications must be **RECEIVED** by the Assessor's Office no later than 4:30pm on **March 19, 2021**.

Please complete ALL sections of the application. A separate application is required for each property appeal. Owner's Information: Smokey Hormel Property Owner(s): Property Owner will be represented by: Cynthia L. Smith, Esq., or Brittany Young, Esq. **NOTE:** If agent is used a signed authorization form from the property owner is required. Correspondence: Name of Person and Address to which all BAA notices and correspondence will be sent (list one only): Cynthia L. Smith, Esq., Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan RECEIVED Name: 500 West Putnam Ave MAR 1 9 2021 Address: Greenwich, CT 06830 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 203-862-2318 Phone: **Description of Property Being Appealed:** NOTE: One application per property being appealed 228 16 Map: 93 Lot: Account #: **Property Location:** 85 Hickory Hill Road Property Type: Residential: Commercial: XX

<u>Reason for Appear</u>	<u>                                     </u>	
Describe your reason for appeal: (Attach additional pages if necessary)		
See attached		
Appellant's estimate of Market Value as of October 1, 2017:	13,500	
Appellant's estimate of Assessed Value as of October 1, 2017:	9,500	

Signature:

By signing this application I hearby certify that the submitted information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

3/19/2021

Signature

Date Signed

Attorney

Printed Name of Signer Position of Signer

#### 85 Hickory Hill Road, Wilton, Connecticut

The subject property, 85 Hickory Hill Road, was recently the subject of a lot line revision in connection with 67 Hickory Hill Road, 69 Hickory Hill Road, 73 Hickory Hill Road, 87 Hickory Hill Road and 221 Millstone Road (collectively, "Lots"). The Lots were previously owned by Derry Music Company, the David W. Brubeck Trust and the Iola W. Brubeck Trust and utilized as one property, albeit the Lots constitute separate lots and tax parcels. The primary residence is located on 221 Millstone Road with direct frontage and access to Millstone Road. The lot line revisions were approved and maps were filed in May 2020. Attached hereto is a copy of Map No 5966 and Map No. 5967 as filed on the Wilton Land Records.

In connection with the revision of the lot lines, the total acreage for 221 Millstone Road was reduced, however, the tax assessment for 221 Millstone Road remained the same. The remaining Lots were reconfigured, and the acreage increased insignificantly. Notwithstanding the lot line revisions and the slightly increased acreage, the topography of the land, the ability to construct improvements thereon, and consequently the use, remained unaltered. As such, any increase in assessment should be proportionate to the increase in acreage based upon the valuation of the property prior to the lot line revision. For the purpose of clarification only, if the property prior to the lot line revision was one acre valued at \$2,000 per acre, and the total acreage increased by one acre the new assessment would correspondingly be \$4,000.

In particular, with respect to 85 Hickory Hill Road, the parcel was 2.3 acres with an assessment of \$4,030 which equates to \$1,752 per acre. Therefore, the new assessment based upon the revised parcel with 5.383 acres is \$9,432, and the fair market value is \$13,475. The assessment of \$65,560 equates to \$12,179 per acre which is excessive and disproportionate. The subject property has a stream which runs through the property essentially cutting the parcel into two and rendering the additional acreage unusable for any purpose other than its current natural state. As such, the valuation should be reduced to reflect an assessment of \$9500.

## **85 HICKORY HILL RD**

Location 85 HICKORY HILL RD

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Acct# 000228

Owner DERRY MUSIC COMPANY

Assessment \$4,030

Appraisal \$5,757

PID 4925

**Building Count** 1

#### **Current Value**

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#### Owner of Record

Owner

DERRY MUSIC COMPANY

Sale Price

\$0

Co-Owner Address

PO BOX 150270

Certificate

Book & Page 2350/0185

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Sale Date

10/02/2013

Instrument

QC

#### **Ownership History**

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Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
DERRY MUSIC COMPANY	80		2350/0185	QC	10/02/2013
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#### **Building Information**

**Building 1: Section 1** 

Year Built:

Living Area:

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Replacement Cost:

\$0

**Building Percent Good:** 

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#### **Building Photo**



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#### **Building Layout**

(http://images.vgsi.com/photos/WiltonCTPhotos//Sketches/4925\_4925.jpg)

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#### Land Use

Use Code

5-1

Description

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Zone

R-2

Neighborhood 05

Alt Land Appr No

Category

**Land Line Valuation** 

Size (Acres)

2.3

Frontage

Depth

Assessed Value \$4,030

Appraised Value \$5,757

#### Outbuildings

Outbuildings

Legend

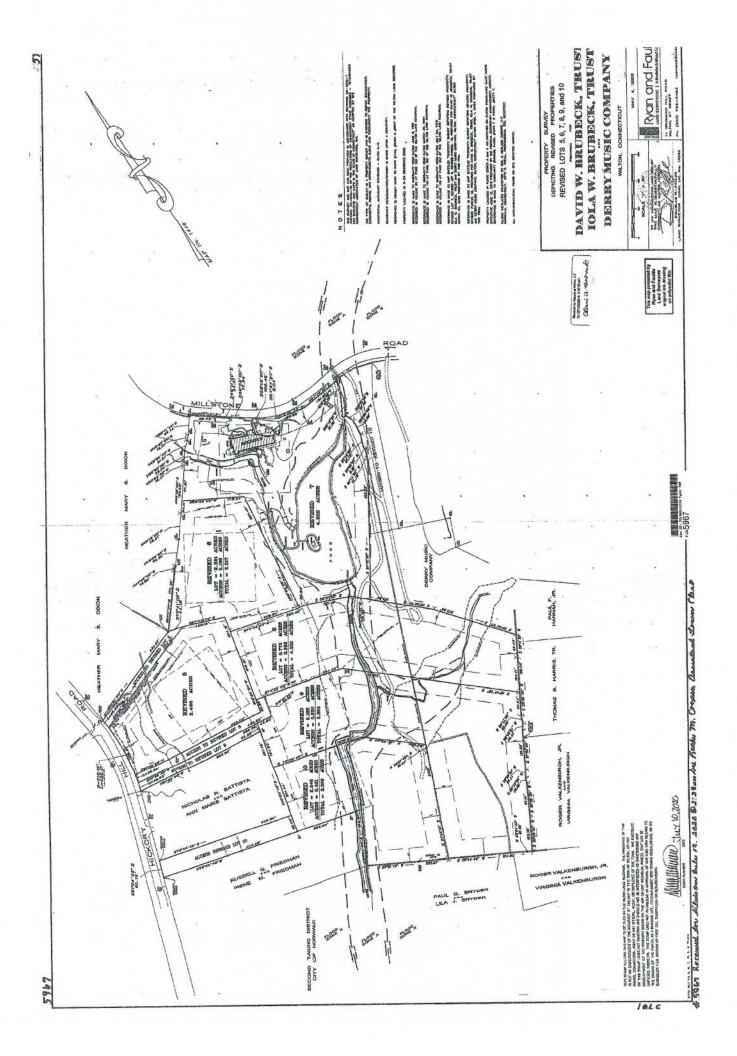
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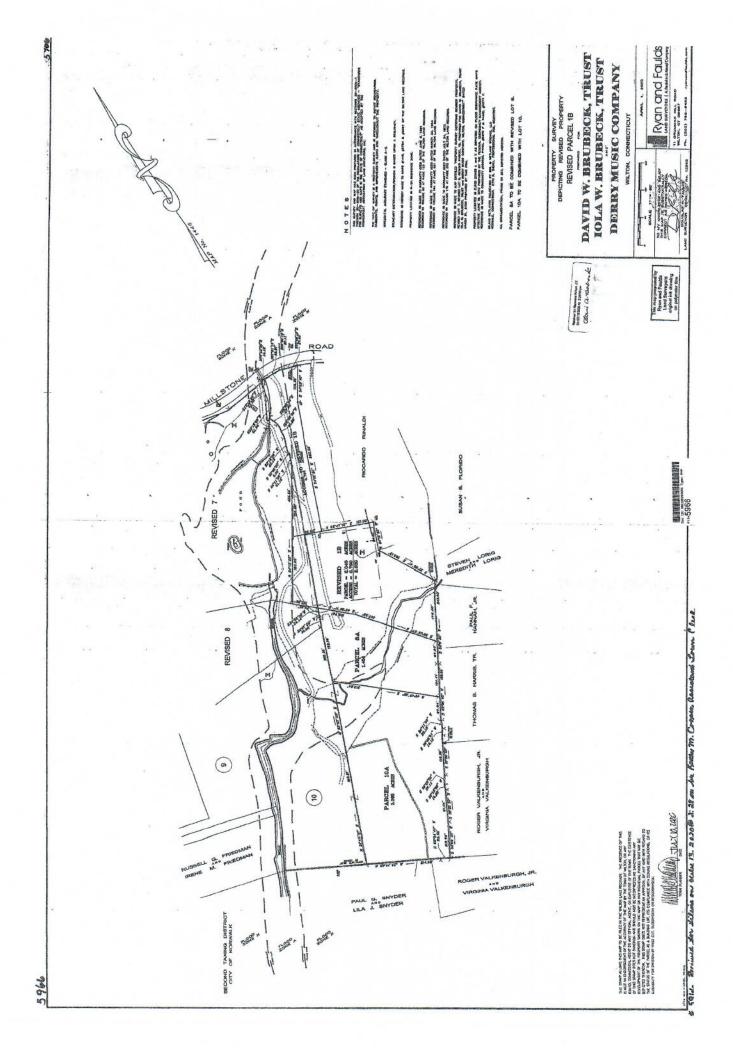
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Assessment									
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total						
2018	\$0	\$4,030	\$4,030						
2018	so	\$198,660	\$198,660						
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Town of Wilton OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR Town Hall 238 Danbury Rd. Wilton, CT 06897

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