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BOARD OF ABATEMENT

DECEMBER 16, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT: Freda Hollyer-Chair, Barbara Graham, Mavine Lasell, Ed McGlynn, Matthew Rouleau, Jennifer Allard, Susan Lyons, Bill Peabody, Phil Winters, Jasmin Couillard, Heather Powell, Chris Wade, Andrew Hollyer, John Taylor, Art Kramer, Elaine Owen

GUESTS: Terry Knight

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Freda Hollyer

Barbara Graham and Jasmin Couillard rescue themselves.

MERRI PAQUIN ABATEMENT: Merri Paquin requested an abatement of her taxes on her property located at 223 Gilbert Road. Since 2014, the family suffered a devastating loss of their cows and dairy barn to a fire. Several health issues and unfortunately cannot pay their taxes due to financial hardship. Terry Knight, assessor, mentioned that she could file for Homestead or speak to an ombudsman with the Vermont Department of Taxes. Which is a program that is set up for financial relief. It was unclear how long that process would take. With much discussion as to "table" this meeting until Merri Paquin looked into this program. Chris Wade made the motion to follow through with the abatement this evening and seconded by Heather Powell. Motion passed. Susan Lyons asked what amount of money she was looking for to abate, Merri Paquin replied all of it. As she could not set up a payment plan and just needed this extra year to catch up. Matt Rouleau made the motion to abate \$4,745.86 all of her delinquent taxes in full seconded by Heather Powell. Bill Peabody would have like to have waited to know the results from the ombudsman from the Tax Department. Motion passed with no further discussion.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 MINUTES: Marvine Lasell made the motion to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Ed McGlynn. Motion passed.

ADJOURN: With there being no other business, Heather Powell made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM, seconded by Andrew Hollyer. Motion passed.