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BOARD OF ABATEMENT

OCTOBER 27, 2021

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Elaine Owen-Chair, Barbara Graham, Mavine Lasell, Rodney Graham, Matthew Rouleau, Jennifer Allard, Susan Lyons, Bill Peabody, Phil Winters, Jasmin Couillard, Heather King, Gordon Murray, Clayton Woodworth, Justin Ducey, Orvil Lasell

GUESTS: Megan Keys, Mark McCarthy, David Heath, John Fluery Jr, Andrew Fluery

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Elaine Owen

WILLIAMSTOWN FISH & GAME CLUB ABATEMENT: Mark McCarthy, club president represented the Williamstown Fish & Game Club as they requested an abatement of the taxes on property located at 2833 Grandview Road due to a fire on July 20, 2021 caused by lightning to the building. Mark stated the building was a total loss. The total house site value is assessed at \$44,000. Barbara Graham made the motion and seconded by Rodney Graham to go into deliberation, motion passed. Matt Rouleau made the motion to abate \$38,900, total assessed value of the dwelling which included the land improvement assessment, seconded by Heather King, motion passed.

HEATH DAVID/FLUERY JOHN JR: David Heath requested an abatement of the taxes for the hunting camp on the property located at 971 Lighthouse Hill Road that was destroyed by a fire on July 30, 2021. The camp was a total loss. Elaine Owen made the motion and seconded by Heather Powell to go into deliberation, motion passed. Jasmin Couillard made the motion to abate \$38,000, total assessed value of the dwelling, seconded by Justin Ducey, motion passed.

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN: The Town of Williamstown was recently gifted the former Rosewood Inn, owned by Richard & Ellen Eldridge. Rodney Graham spoke on behalf of the Town. There are no plans as to what the future holds for this property only at this point to make it safe, starting with putting a fence around the property. The Town is requesting to abate \$3,161.29 which is the taxes due for the current 2021/2022 tax year, as the Town is tax exempt. After some discussion, Elaine Owen made the motion to abate \$3,161.29, seconded by Barbara Graham, motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2021 MINUTES: Marvine Lasell made the motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2021 seconded by Elaine Owen, motion passed,

OTHER BUSINESS: Elaine Owen mentioned that Justice of the Peace, Ed McGlynn resigned effective immediately. Barbara Graham has already contacted Mark MacDonald, chairperson of the Democrat committee to find a replacement.

ADJOURN: With there being no other business, Elaine Owen made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM, seconded by Barbara Graham. Motion passed.