

BOARD OF ABATEMENT

OCTOBER 7, 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Freda Hollyer-Chair, Barbara Graham, Mavine Lasell, Rodney Graham, Matthew Rouleau, Jennifer Allard, Susan Lyons, Bill Peabody, Phil Winters, Jasmin Couillard, Heather Powell, John Taylor, Art Kramer, Elaine Owen, Gordon Murray, Kirk Strassberger, Jessica Worn

GUESTS: Terry Knight

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

CHRISTOPHER DESSUREAU ABATEMENT: Christopher Dessureau requested an abatement of his taxes on his property located at 691 Baptist Street due to a house fire on May 17, 2020. Chris Dessureau stated that his home was complete loss as well as the septic system. The total housesite value is assessed at \$306,300. Mr. Dessureau was looking for an abatement of his home value and septic only for 11 months. Gordon Murray, mentioned that there was still water to the site. Rodney Graham asked if the home was on this year's 2020-2021 grand list and Terry Knight replied that it was. Matt Rouleau made the motion and seconded by Heather Powell to go into deliberation, motion passed. After some discussion which included that the board needed to add in the 47 days remaining from last year's 2019-2020 bill. Jessica Worn made the motion and seconded by Matt Rouleau to abate the housesite value and sewer, \$264,300, (\$254,300 housesite and \$10,000 sewer). Jessica Worn amended the motion to include the 44 days remaining of 2019-2020 tax year, seconded by Matt Rouleau, motion passed. Art Kramer brought to our attention that it is not considered sewer but septic. Jessica Worn amended the amendment to include septic verses sewer, seconded by Heather Powell, motion passed. The amended motion to abate \$264,300, (\$254,300 housesite and \$10,000 septic) and the remaining 44 days of 2019-2020 tax year was passed.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2019 MINUTES: Matt Rouleau made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction of recused instead of "rescue" and seconded by Elaine Owen. Motion passed. Tabled the Appeals minutes from October 2019 as it was not properly warned.

OTHER BUSINESS: Barbara Graham mentioned that there will be another abatement meeting which will be held sometime after elections.

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