

BOARD OF ABATEMENT

MAY 3, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT: Elaine Owen-Chair, Barbara Graham, Justin Ducey, Willet Knight, Jr, Jennifer Allard, Susan Lyons, Kirk Strassberger, Phil Winters, Larry Hebert, Marvine Lasell, Orvil Lasell, Gordon Murray

GUESTS: Jackie Higgins, Town Manager, Delinquent Tax Collector

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Elaine Owen

GREGORY GILMAN REQUEST: Gregory Gilman requested an abatement of his 2022/2023 taxes on his property located at 780 Rood Pond Road. Mr. Gilman was unable to attend in person as he was in Boston for medical appointments. Mr. Gilman attended a Go To Meeting over the phone and explain that he is disabled and unable to work due to several strokes, heart issues including a recent open heart surgery. Mr. Gilman does have Social Security Disability, which isn't enough to pay for everything. Mr. Gilman has previously set up payment plans with Town Manager, Jackie Higgins and has always followed through. After much discussion in executive session, Larry Hebert made the motion to abate all interest and penalties and 50% of his 2022/2023 taxes, the amount, \$616.85 to be owed, seconded by Kirk Strassberger. Phil Winters amended the motion to abate his delinquent taxes in full, \$1,406.43, seconded by Gordon Murray. Results of the amendment vote, Yes 6, No 5 the amendment passed.

TOWN MANAGER'S REQUEST: Jackie Higgins, Town Manager/Delinquent Tax Collector requested an abatement on the late Earlie Everhart's property located at 385 Stone Road. Mr. Everhart's land, which also included a mobile home, had been sold in 2021. With there being an error in the deed and transfer, unbeknown to Mr. Everhart who believed that he owned a partial piece of land. When he realized that he no longer owned land, he moved out of state and has since passed away. The mobile home was still in Mr. Everhart's name which was located on the property and has been accumulating back taxes. The mobile home was removed in April 2022 and the Town Clerk and Lister's office was not notified; Jackie Higgins is asking for an abatement of \$360.12. After the executive session, a motion was made by Orvil Lasell to abate \$363.31 which included this month's interest and penalties, seconded by Gordon Murray. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 MINUTES: Susan Lyons made the motion to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Orvil Lasell. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Barbara Graham mentioned that the BCA will need to purge the checklist this summer, looking at early June.

ADJOURN: With there being no other business, Phil Winters made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M., seconded by Justin Ducey. Motion passed.