

BOARD OF ABATEMENT

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT: Elaine Owen-Chair, Barbara Graham, Christopher Wade, Justin Ducey, Willet Knight, Jr, Jennifer Allard, Larry Hebert, Marvine Lasell, Orvil Lasell, Gordon Murray, Bill Peabody, Christopher Cate, Clayton Woodworth

GUESTS: Jackie Higgins, Town Manager, Delinquent Tax Collector

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Elaine Owen

TOWN MANAGER'S REQUEST: Jackie Higgins, Town Manager/Delinquent Tax Collector requested an abatement of \$7594.93 for delinquent property taxes and water/sewer on property located at 46 Meadow Street, an unlanded mobile home owned by Tender Loving Homecare, LLC. This property was purchased in a tax sale, in April 2022 which was formerly owned by Rosignol Dery. On July 10, 2023 the mobile home was severely damaged by high water from the flood and became inhabitable. The water damage created a water leak under the mobile home which caused the large water/sewer bill. Tender Loving Homecare LLC is abandoning the mobile home, and the Town could tax sale it again. Jackie Higgins reached out to former owner Rosignol Dery to see if he would take the mobile home back if all delinquent taxes and water/sewer were abated since the mobile home sits on his property. Rosignol Dery agreed to that offer after speaking with his attorney and he would have the mobile home removed. The mobile home is still on the Grand List but has 0 value. Justin Ducey did question if we should get something in writing to that effect that he would have the mobile home removed. Jackie Higgins replied that would be possible. After a brief discussion, Gordon Murray made the motion and seconded by Will Knight, Jr. to abate \$7594.93 in delinquent taxes and water/sewer with conditions that the mobile home be removed on or before July 1, 2024. Motion passed by voice vote. Decision was based on Abatement #5 taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year, 24 V.S.A. 1535

APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2023 MINUTES: Orvil Lasell made the motion to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Elaine Owen. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: With there being no other business, Gordon Murray made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 P.M., seconded by Justin Ducey. Motion passed.

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BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

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PRESENT: Elaine Owen-Chair, Barbara Graham, Justin Ducey, Will Knight Jr., Orvil Lasell, Marvin Lasell, Christopher Cate, Larry Hebert, Christopher Wade, Clayton Woodworth

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Elaine Owen, Chairman

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2023 MINUTES:

Elaine Owen made the motion and seconded by Justin Ducey to approve the minutes as written, motion passed by voice vote.

DETAILS FOR MARCH 5, 2024 TOWN MEETING:

Elaine Owen made the motion and seconded by Justin Ducey to approve the ballot clerks, counters, and Barbara Graham as Presiding Officer, motion passed by voice vote. Will Knight, Jr and Heather King will deliver absentee ballots if needed and Elaine Owen and Rama Schneider will deliver school ballots to Northfield High School for co-mingling, no motion was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: With there being no other business Will Knight, Jr. made the motion and seconded by Justin Ducey to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:20 PM