

Board of Abatement
Bennington, VT 05201

Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015

Members Present: Cassie Barbeau, Barbara Bluto, Donald Campbell, Linda Corcoran, Deborah Giroux, James Gulley Sr., Michele Hogan, Thomas Jacobs, Brian Maroney Jr., James Marsden, Anne Mook, Mary Morrissey, Joan Pinsonneault, David Shaffe and Kayla Thompson

Also Present: John Antognioni, chief Assessor and Tina Pierce

**Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, David Shaffe, at 4:49pm.

**David Shaffe read the oath to members and circulated it for signatures.

**Tina Pierce of 69 Jacks Drive gave testimony regarding her financial hardship in taking care of her disabled husband and has been unable to keep up with payment agreements. In all but 2013 she applied for the homestead declaration and also receives a state payment. The delinquency is \$5,043.31. Jim Gulley asked about the disability, which is congestive heart failure.

**Cassie made the motion to enter into deliberative session to discuss the financial hardship, seconded by Anne Mook and passed unanimously.

**Tom Jacobs made the motion to move out of deliberative session, seconded by Jim Gulley and passed unanimously.

**Tom Jacobs made the motion to deny the request for abatement, seconded by Jim Gulley and passed unanimously.

**John Antognioni, Chief Assessor, presented three properties for abatement, all which sustained fire damage during 2015;

116 Booth Terrace, abated net tax difference of \$345.63

133 Quiet Acres, abated net tax difference of \$112.28, which will be removed from delinquency

325 School Street, abated net tax difference of \$1061.47

**Cassie made the motion to accept the list as presented by John, seconded by Mary Morrissey, motion passed unanimously.

**Joan Pinsonneault, Town Treasurer, presented five properties for abatement of various reasons (attached) totaling \$6,562.31.

**Anne Mook made the motion to accept the list as presented by Joan, seconded by Barbara Bluto, motion passed unanimously.

**With no further business, Jim Gulley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Marsden, motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassandra Barbeau
Vice-Chair

