

Board of Abatement
Bennington, VT

Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2020

Members Present: Jerry Albert, Cassie Barbeau, Barbara Bluto, Jeanne Conner, Robert Ebert, Tom Haley III, Michele Hogan, Jeannie Jenkins, Jackie Kelly, Albert Krawczyk, Bruce Lee-Clark, BJ Maroney, Jim Marsden, Anne Mook, Mary Morrissey, Sarah Perrin, Joan Pinsonneault, Marjorie Robinson, David Shaffe, Anna Kinney Swierad and Kayla Thompson

Also Present: John Antognioni, Chief Assessor, Joyce Silvestro, Director of Collections

Purpose of Meeting: To consider requests for Abatement

**Cassie called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM and gave a brief overview of the statute regarding abatement.

**Mary Morrissey made the motion to elect Jim Marsden chair of the meeting, seconded by Anna Kinney Swierad, motion passed unanimously.

**Jim Marsden read the oath to all members present.

**Jim reviewed with Board members the letter and photos from Eric White regarding the fire on October 10th at 107-109 Putnam Street. John Antognioni noted he inspected the property and the insurance adjuster has deemed the property not habitable. Taxes were paid in full, yet current assessment would be based on land and site improvements only. After John's calculation, amount to be abated is approximately \$2,593.74 plus interest. Joan Pinsonneault made the motion to abate, seconded by Bruce Lee-Clark, motion passed unanimously.

**Jim reviewed with Board members the letter from Carol Beaudoin, property at 101 Morgan Street, noting inability to pay due to health concerns. Cassie noted in preparation for the meeting, Ms. Beaudoin has passed away and the property had been listed for sale. There was brief discussion among Board members that taxes would be paid prior to closing of any sale. Bruce Lee-Clark made the motion to deny the request for abatement, seconded by Mary Morrissey, motion passed unanimously.

**Joyce Silvestro, Director of Collections, presented a list of four properties, with a grand total to be abated of \$141.34. Cassie made the motion to abate the list as presented, seconded by Mary Morrissey, motion passed unanimously.

**Cassie thanked Warren Roaf and Jerry Albert for their service on the Board.

**With no further business, Mary Morrissey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Marsden, motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassandra Barbeau
Bennington Town Clerk