

BOARD OF ABATEMENT OF TAXES MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 2016

Pursuant to Title 24, Sections 1533-1536 a meeting of the Board of Abatement of Taxes was held at the Town Office on March 30, 2016. Members present:

Selectboard: Jerelyn Wilson, Zeke Goodband, Steve Glabach, Joe Cook, and Hugh Worden

Listers: Jean Newell, Charlotte Neer Annis, and Doug Hamilton

Justices of the Peace: Nelson Jillson, Paul Normandeau, and Lew Sorenson

Clerk: Laurie Frechette

Treasurer: Charlotte Neer Annis

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Laurie Frechette.

First order of business was to elect Chair and Vice-Chair. Paul Normandeau moved to elect Joe Cook as Chair; it was seconded by Nelson Jillson and he was elected by voice vote. Zeke Goodband moved to elect Hugh Worden as Vice-Chair; it was seconded by Paul Normandeau, and he was elected by voice vote.

It was agreed to conduct the abatement hearings in the following order; administer the oath to members and witnesses, hear testimony from the appellant, board ask questions, ask appellant to leave, adjourn for deliberation and make decision.

Before each appellant testified, the BOA was asked if there had been any ex parte communications. The answer was no on all accounts.

Laurie administered the oath to all Board members and the first appellant, Indra Tracy. Ms. Tracy presented her case. Paul asked her if she had read the copy of the Abatement statues that were sent to her and asked which of the seven criteria her request fell into. Indra answered that none of them applied. She was asked to explain her request for abatement. She did and the board had no more questions for her. The clerk informed her that she would receive the decision by certified mail. She left the meeting at 5:14pm.

At 5:15pm, Laurie administered the oath to Charles and Christine Bolster. Charles presented his case. His request fell under the medical hardship section. The clerk informed her that she would receive the decision by certified mail. The hearing was closed at 5:22pm and the Board began deliberations.

Zeke Goodband moved to deny Indra Tracy's request because it did not fall into one of the statutory criteria. It was seconded by Charlotte Neer Annis and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Paul Normandeau moved to deny Charles Bolster's request. Steve Glabach seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Joe Cook, Chair of Board of Abatement of Taxes

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Laurie Frechette, Clerk of Board of Abatement of Taxes