

BOARD OF ABATEMENT OF TAXES MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2018

Pursuant to Title 24, Sections 1533-1536 a meeting of the Board of Abatement of Taxes was held at the Town Office on October 17, 2018. Members present:

Selectboard: Maria Glabach, Zeke Goodband, and Jerelyn Wilson

Board of Listers: Doug Hamilton, Jean Newell, and Michael Silberman

Justices of the Peace: Bill Holiday, Bill Johnson, Paul Normandeau, and Lew Sorenson

Clerk: Laurie Frechette

Treasurer: Charlotte Neer Annis

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair, Bill Holiday.

Before testimony was taken, the BOA clarified that if any or all of the Listers testified during the hearing, the Board of Listers would not be considered part of the Board of Abatement for this hearing.

Before the 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 appellant, Richard Epstein. Mr. Epstein presented his case. Paul asked him if he had read the copy of the Abatement statues that were sent to him and asked which of the seven criteria his request fell into. Richard answered that criteria #4 "taxes in which there is manifest error or a mistake of the Listers applied. He explained that he recently purchased the property which he considers uninhabitable. It has not been reassessed recently. Doug Hamilton & Michael Silberman explained the process to request a reassessment of a property. The clerk informed Mr. Epstein that he would receive the decision by certified mail. He and the three Listers left the meeting at 6:20pm.

Paul Normandeau moved to deny Richard Epstein's request. Charlotte Neer Annis seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

William Holiday, Chair of Board of Abatement of Taxes

Laurie Frechette, Clerk

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