

Board of Abatement Minutes DRAFT

July 12th, 2021, 5pm

In attendance:

Selectboard: David Carter, Skip Brown, Chuck Hulse, Ross Brown

Justices of the Peace: Kevin Winch, Naomi King, Mary Jane Wirsing, Karen Browning, Carol Tremble

Listers: Cecile Gove, Sheri Corbin

Town Treasurer: Kim Julow

Town Clerk: Erin Morse

Guests: Richard Russell

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1. Call to Order

David Carter called the meeting to order at 5pm.

2. Adjustment to Agenda

None

3. Reorganization

R. Brown nominated D. Carter for chair, N. King seconded. All in favor.

4. Adopt Rules of Procedure

C. Tremble made a motion to adopt the rules of procedure, N. King seconds. All in favor.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Hearing #1: Richard Russell of the Hunter Green Trust (13 Providence Island)

Mr. Russell presented his case that in August 2019 he demolished his house and left. His mail was forwarded but he did not receive a tax bill from the Town. 2 tax bills were in his PO Box in May. He would like to have late fees and penalties abated. D. Carter confirmed his address. Mail is supposed to be forwarded to his address in FL. He was not here last summer due to COVID. C. Tremble asked if he would expect to receive a property tax bill. Mr. Russell said yes. K. Browning asked how long he has owned the property. Since 2018. C. Hulse asked how he received delinquent tax notice. Mr. Russell said it was waiting for him in the PO Box. C. Tremble asked about timing of tax bill. Mr. Russell expressed his dissatisfaction with the Town in the communication of delinquent taxes. He is requesting interest and penalty to be abated = \$2,203.26.

7. Hearing #2: Susan Wendell (45 Sunset View Road)

Applicant was unable to attend. D. Carter summarized the application. Her husband died earlier this year and he usually paid taxes with his SS payment. Taxes including interest and penalty have been paid. She is asking for interest and penalty to be abated = \$457.24.

8. Deliberation

S. Brown made a motion to go into deliberation, seconded by R. Brown. All in favor. Hearings closed at 5:26pm. Board came out of deliberation at 5:49pm. A written decision will be sent to applicants.

9. Adjourn

C. Gove made a motion to adjourn. S. Corbin seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Morse, South Hero Town Clerk