

# Board of Abatement Meeting

June 16, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Present: Kurt Klein  
Belinda Harris Clegg  
Michael Davidson  
Eric Furs  
Deb Klein  
Cindy Lowell  
Linda Martin  
Tom Martin  
Cornelius Reed  
Linda Reeve

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Michael Davidson made the motion to elect Cornelius Reed as chair. Cindy Lowell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cornelius Reed elected Chair.

The board adopted rules and procedures for the year ensuing. Cindy Lowell made the motion. Linda Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*All of the following requests were allowed under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3). Taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees.*

## Sally Martin

Cornelius read the Abatement Request Form from taxpayer Sally Martin (Martin Living Trust) who was notified and did not appear. The request was to abate the penalty and interest on the following parcels

#08043,08043.01,10021.03,11028.02,03123.01,10033,11057,11057.02,12081,15012,15034,12025. After much deliberation, the board decided to abate the interest and penalty to date. Going forward the taxpayer will pay the interest due each month till paid. The board suggests that the taxpayer make arrangements to have all taxes paid before September. Linda Reeve made the motion. Michael Davidson seconded the motion. 9-yes 1-no Motion passed. Total abatement was \$2,627.62.

**Heather Stearns**

Cornelius read the Abatement Request Form from Heather Stearns who was notified and she sent an email saying she could not attend. Heather is asking for an Abatement of taxes in the amount of \$2,137.85 on the property at 999 Brook Rd.

Linda Martin made the motion to abate the taxes \$2,137.85. Linda Reeve seconded the motion. More discussion. Question was called. Show of hands 3-yes, 7-no. Motion to abate the taxes was denied.

More discussion. Michael Davidson made the motion to abate just the interest and penalty amount of \$213.80. Cindy Lowell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Patrick McCarthy**

Cornelius read the Abatement Request Form from Patrick McCarthy who was notified and did not appear. Patrick is asking for an Abatement of his 2018-2019 taxes, penalty and interest that has been sent to tax sale. This tax sale was put on hold because of the pandemic. The board decided to deny the request. Cindy Lowell made the motion. Kurt Klein seconded the motion. Motion to deny request was passed.

**Laura Smith**

Cornelius read the Abatement Request Form from Laura Smith who was notified and available by phone. Laura is asking for an Abatement of interest and penalty in the amount of \$172.44 on the property at 1493 Baldwin Brook Rd. Laura explained by phone her circumstances. Eric Furs made the motion to abate the interest and penalty in the amount of \$172.44. Cindy Lowell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Linda Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Belinda Harris Clegg

Secretary of the Board

  
Cornelius Reed

Board Chair