

Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Town Hall and Zoom conference call

Present: Jeremy Weiss (Town Clerk), Sandra Ferver* (Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector); Selectboard: Denise Wheeler (Chair), Sharon Winn Fannon (Vice Chair), Rick Kehne, Marc Mihaly; Janet Pocarobba*, Dillon Burns*, Michael Loignon*, Barbara Butler*; Jan Ohlsson*, Katie Lane-Karnas* (Recording Secretary), Lisa Wilson*, ORCA Media*, Scott Bassage, Kristina Bielenberg

** indicates participation in the meeting by Zoom video call*

1. Call to Order: Denise Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Approve Minutes: Denise Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting; Scott Bassage seconded. The motion was voted and passed unanimously (Marc Mihaly, Rick Kehne, Sharon Winn Fannon, Kristina Bielenberg, Jeremy Weiss abstained).
3. Oaths of Office: Jeremy made a motion to nominate Denise as chair; the motion was seconded by Rick Kehne, voted and passed unanimously. The Chair then swore in members of the Board of Abatement.
4. Small Amount Abatement: The Delinquent Tax Collector explain that there are only three names on the list of small amounts of delinquent taxes. She is asking the Board of Abatement to abate these amounts. Due to the costs of collection, it is not worth spending it to obtain these amounts. All three amounts resulted from taxpayers who intended to pay their bill in full, but they paid the wrong bill. For example, they missed the cutoff point and therefore we have these small delinquencies in place. They have been sent many letters requesting payment, and the Delinquent Tax Collector is here to ask the Board to abate these amounts to avoid the continuing costs of paper, printing, time, and postage.

Jessica Green, \$10.97

Jordan Hepburn \$14.42 (parcel 700012)

Jeremy Hepburn \$12.72 (parcel 700057)

Total Amount: \$38.11

John Brabant moved to abate the taxes as listed by the Delinquent Tax Collector in the individual amounts due that total \$38.11; Rick Kehne seconded. The motion was voted and passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment: Sharon Winn Fannon moved and Jeremy Weiss seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. The motion was voted and the meeting adjourned.

Date: 8/9/2021 Respectfully Submitted, Katie Lane-Karnas, Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Abatement at the 10/25/2021 meeting