

**BOARD OF CIVIL ABATEMENT
&
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
August 20, 2014**

Present:	Bob Bancroft Carol Howrigan Caroline Brown Paul Birnholz	Nanette Rogers Alex Weinhagen Allison Weinhagen Christine O'Donnell
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Guests:	Arthur Woolf Patrick Liberty Joe Liberty Randall Ovitt	Katharine C. Gaspari Julie Liberty Nancy Ovitt
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The Board of Civil Authority met on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Allison Weinhagen nominated Bob Bancroft as Chair, seconded by Paul Birnholz. Motion passed: 8-0.

ART WOOLF & CELESTE GASPARI – ABATEMENT REQUEST

Art Woolf and Katharine (also known as Celeste) Gaspari met with the Board with regard to their abatement request. Art stated that approximately six months ago an error was discovered in the Town's assessment of his property located at 557 Cambridge Road. The error caused an over assessment of the property and spans a five year period. He and Celeste are requesting an abatement of the taxes paid based on the error.

Lister Caroline Brown confirmed that there was an error. The Listers discovered the error when making a name change in the program for the 2014 Grand List. When a Change of Appraisal report was generated, the Woolf/Gaspari property appeared on the list. Because the only change that was made to the Woolf/Gaspari was to the ownership, the Listers researched why the Woolf property appeared on the list. It was determined that when changes were made in 2010 a "cost was not run" on all the changes therefore the assessment generated did not reflect the actual assessed value of the property at that time. The assessment should have been \$425,900 however the assessment that Art and Celeste have been paying taxes on was \$429,100. The Listers have corrected the error for the 2014 Grand List. Caroline advised because the "cost was not run" there was no way the Listers or the property owner would have known there was an error.

PATRICK LIBERTY – ABATEMENT REQUEST

Patrick Liberty was present to request an abatement for the property located at 694 Woods Hollow Road. The property belonged to his grandparents. His grandfather died several years ago and his grandmother recently passed away. The property is being taxed at the nonresidential tax rate and there is no state credit. Patrick is requesting an abatement to reflect an assumed state credit if his grandmother had been able to file a Homestead Declaration. Patrick advised that he lives on a fixed income and that a credit based on his income would probably be more than what he's requesting.

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Unfortunately, because Patrick is not the owner of the property, the Board is unable to grant his request. The Board encouraged Patrick to contact the Town once probate has settled the estate and Patrick is the owner.

MINUTES

Alex Weinhagen made a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 minutes as written, seconded by Chris O'Donnell. Motion passed: 6-0.

Allison Weinhagen made a motion to approve the July 22, 2014 minutes as amended, seconded by Chris O'Donnell. Motion passed: 6-0.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CHALLENGES TO CHECKLIST

The Town Clerk supplied a list for the Board to review of additions and deletions made to the checklist since the last election.

Additions

Battig, Kelsa H.
Bibb, Dana M.
Caldwell-Jeans, Jennifer A.
Cook, Allen A.
Cook, Janet L.
Corrow, Danielle T.
Drew, Jr., Kenneth M.
Dunkley, William T.
Emanuelsson, Bror Morgan
Flanders, Lindsey

Friedensohn, Aaron S.
Palker, Daniel C.
Pouliot, Donald L.
Provost, Jessica L.
Quinlan, Amanda E.
St. Germain, Mikayla Alexis
Strong, Bethany I.
Wheeler, Ian Marlow Blake
Wilder, Meghan

Deletions

Baczewski, Casey A.
Barrows, Lorraine
Corey, Julie
Farrell, Samantha L.
Gambino, John R.
Gambino, Michael W.
Gauthier, Leo A.
Girr, Robin A.
Johansson, Corinne T.
Keener, Sarah A.

Kilburn, Robin L.
Kuhfahl, Megan P.
Kuhfahl, Patricia A.
Kuhfahl, Thomas D.
Litchfield, Nicole M.
Litchfield, Robin J.
Moore, Ann L.
Mulheron, Rebecca J.
Perrault, Jan
Phillips, Allen

Letters of Intent

Albert, Daniel
Baczewski, David
Baczewski, Kayla
Baczewski, Rebecca
Brochu, Heather

Brochu, Scott
Day, Cheryl
Day, Mark
Linsky, Susan

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Paul Birnholz made a motion to approve the additions and deletions and send letters of intent to the people listed above, seconded by Allison Weinhagen. Motion passed: 8-0.

SCHEDULE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Nanette discussed with Board members their availability to work the polls for the Primary Election.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

The Board entered Deliberative Session at 7:42 p.m. The Board exited Deliberative Session at 7:44 p.m.

Allison Weinhagen made a motion to approve the abatement request submitted by Arthur Woolf and Katharine Gaspari, seconded by Chris O'Donnell. Motion passed: 7-0, 1 abstention.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Bancroft, Chair
Board of Civil Authority

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk