# BOARD OF ABATEMENT & BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY August 3, 2016 Draft Minutes

Present: Caroline Brown Carol Howrigan

Bob BancroftDave AdamsDennis AngionoCasey MathieuAllison WeinhagenNanette Rogers

Guests: Barbara Peck Trish Indoe

The Board of Abatement/Civil Authority met on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Allison Weinhagen nominated Bob Bancroft as Chair, seconded by Dave Adams. Motion passed: 7:0.

#### **BARBARA PECK – TAX ABATEMENT**

Barbara Peck submitted a request for tax abatement on July 21, 2016. Caroline Brown explained that Barb Peck owned a 16.65 acre parcel which was sold to an abutter in 2012. The Listers failed to deactivate the parcel for the 2013 Grand List. Barb Peck and the new owner have been taxed on this parcel for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 tax years. The 2016 Grand List has been corrected.

Barb is requesting abatement of \$826.82 for the taxes paid on the property for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 tax years due to an error of the Listers. The Board advised that per State Statute, the Town is obligated to pay interest on the amount abated if an abatement is approved.

#### RICHARD & KATHLEEN ROY - TAX ABATEMENT

The Board received a letter from the Delinquent Tax Collector proposing that the delinquent taxes on the Richard and Kathleen Roy property be abated. The property consists of two small parcels located on Duffy Hill Road which were left over when a subdivision was approved many years ago. The town has been unsuccessful in locating the Roys to attempt to collect taxes on these parcels. The assessment on the properties is minimal. The total amount of delinquent taxes and interest due is \$4.82.

Bob asked if the Listers could reduce the value to zero for these two properties to avoid having to abate the delinquent taxes annually. Caroline will look into it.

## **MINUTES**

Dave Adams made a motion to approve the June 20, 2016 minutes as written, seconded by Dennis Angiono. Motion passed: 7-0.

## ADDITIONS AND CHALLENGES TO CHECKLIST

The town clerk supplied a list for the board to review of additions, as well as voters to send challenge letters to.

#### **ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO CHECKLIST**

The town clerk supplied a list for the board to review of additions and deletions.

#### Additions:

Billings, Lawrence Hedley, Bobbie Blackmore, Christine Laforce, David Borgman, Richard Macia. Karen Ceffalo, Nicholas Margaritell, Devon Phillips, Vicky Doty, Elena Evans, Verity Ritchie. Nicole Flemings, Naomi Rogers, Nicholas Fyrbert, Marc Strobridge, Margaret Tarrier, Monica Fyrbert, Meghan Giambatista, Paul Tyler, Kirsten Hamel, Raymond Tyler, Zachary Hamlin, Benjamin Zinger, Alexander Hamlin, Vanessa

#### Deletions:

Anderson, Charlotte Johannson, John Billings, Lawrence Lamothe, Aaron Bookless, Heather Lavallee, Lauren Chaplin, Julia Leach. Janice Charland, Kathleen Munson, Karen Culligan, Colleen Neuzil, Maryann Falk, Matthew Pierce, Alison Farnsworth, Jorie Pierce. Jeffrev Gregoritsch, Tia Reed, Bruce Gregoritsch, III, Albert Strachan, Taylor Grinstead, Nicole Tassie, Heather Howard, Tina Weinhagen, Alexander

Allison Weinhagen made a motion to approve the additions and deletions as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Casey Mathieu. Motion passed: 7-0.

## SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST PRIMARY

The Board members provided the Town Clerk with their availability for working the polls for the August Primary Election.

#### TREASURER NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Town's Treasurer has given her notice. The Town Charter requires a nomination committee be formed when a vacancy in the Treasurer's office occurs. The Committee is comprised of two Justices of the Peace, one Selectboard member and two members at large. Allison Weinhagen and Dave Tilton volunteered to serve on the committee.

## **DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

The Board deliberated the abatement requests.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to grant Barb Peck's abatement in the amount of \$826.82 plus interest for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 tax years due to an error of the Listers, seconded by Dennis Angiono. Motion passed: 7-0.

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Allison Weinhagen made a motion to abate the delinquent taxes owed by Richard and Kathleen Roy as recommended by the Delinquent Tax Collector, seconded by Dennis Angiono. Motion passed: 7:0.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bancroft, Chair Board of Civil Authority

Nanette Rogers Town Clerk