

**BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING  
&  
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING  
June 13, 2017**

Present:	Casey Mathieu Greg Barrows Dave Tilton Lynn Bursell Allison Weinhagen	Caroline Brown Bob Bancroft Carol Howrigan Christian Frenette Nanette Rogers
Guests:	David Huffman Georgette Huffman	Marge McIntosh

The Board of Abatement met on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Bob Bancroft nominated Casey Mathieu as Chair, seconded by Christian Frenette. Motion passed: 10-0.

**DAVID & GEORGETTE HUFFMAN – TAX ABATEMENT**

David and Georgette Huffman were present to discuss their request to abate penalty and interest on the May 15<sup>th</sup> installment. Mr. Huffman mailed the property taxes for Westford and Underhill on May 13<sup>th</sup>. After May 15<sup>th</sup>, they received a letter from the Delinquent Tax Collector advising that their May 15<sup>th</sup> property taxes were delinquent. Mr. Huffman found the check he wrote for the taxes and therefore mailed an empty envelope. If the Town had contacted him when the empty envelope was received, he would have come to the office and remit payment. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman stated that they moved to town in 1972 and have never been late on their taxes.

Nanette does not recall receiving an empty envelope. She consulted with other staff that open the mail and process tax payments (Sue, MJ and Greg). None of them recall receiving an empty envelope. Nanette advised that if anyone had, the Huffmans would have been notified. When asked if the Town Office has a policy to that effect, Nanette advised no.

The Huffmans have since paid their May 15<sup>th</sup> tax installment, including a penalty in the amount of \$161.36 and interest in the amount of \$20.17.

The Board advised the Huffmans will receive a written decision in the near future.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CHALLENGES TO CHECKLIST**

The Town Clerk supplied a list for the Board to review of additions and deletions, as well as voters to send challenge letters to.

Additions

Aiken, Lance	Bisson, David
Antonucci, Frank	Bradford, Ryan
Baker, Alyssa	Bundy-Liberty, Katelyne
Battig, Julianna	Charland, Megan
Billings, Cecelia	Coulombe, Caitlin

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Crary, Logan  
Doran, Jennifer  
Emilo, Michael  
Francis, Jennifer  
Gehlbach, Charlene  
Geno, Linda  
Guidry, Mia  
Hatin, III, Richard  
Howard, Dawson  
Hunt, Willem  
Lovejoy, Nicholas  
Lussier, Alexis  
Mahoney, Kevin

McCarthy, Joseph  
McCarthy, Julie  
McLeod, Darrow  
Mead, Betty  
Morin, Darrell  
Powell, Randall  
Reed, James  
Smith, Heather L.  
Sterling, Kevin  
Trask, Lily  
White, Chloe

Deletions

Adams, Benjamin  
Adams, Henry  
Adams, Susan  
Ahokas, Graham  
Aspden, Donald  
Aspden, Lucinda  
Baczewski, Kayla  
Bayus, Brad  
Bayus, Megan  
Bean, Amy  
Brown, Bobbi-Jo  
Corson, Phillip  
Corson, Stella  
Cross, Elliott  
Durkin, April  
Edson, Matthew  
Edson, Mia  
Elmore, Michael  
Fisher, Todd  
Fitzgerald, Ryan  
Gauthier, Mary  
Goodrich, Doreen  
Goodrich, Stephen  
Hathaway, Hayley  
Irish, Colleen  
Irish, Pauline

Jacobsen, Philip  
Keefe, Billy Joe  
Keefe, Julie  
Keys, Joshua  
Keys, Katina  
Lamphere, Bernadette  
Larson, Lesley  
Lichtenstein, Sara  
Luce, James  
Luisi, Michael  
Meltzer, Jason  
Mongeon, Cathy  
Powers, Kelsi  
Rabtoy, Aaron  
Rabtoy, Heidi  
Raner, Jessica  
Reynolds, Doris  
Schoolcraft, Garry  
Schoolcraft, Vera  
Shaw, Naomi  
Sink, James  
Snyder, Travis  
Staab, Carly  
West, William  
White, Staci  
Wilford, Sheryal

Challenges

Bailey, Katherine  
Bailey, Thomas  
Carruthers, Douglas  
Fay, Hillary

Howard, Betty  
Howard, Duane  
Palker, Justin

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the additions, deletions and challenges as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 10-0.

**MINUTES**

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the January 19, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Casey Mathieu. Motion passed: 10-0.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the March 1, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Carol Howrigan. Motion passed: 10-0.

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

The Board entered deliberative session at 7:09 p.m. The Board exited deliberative session at 7:23 p.m.

Carol Howrigan made a motion to deny the abatement request submitted by David and Georgette Huffman based on the fact that the reason did not fit the statutory reasons a Board may grant an abatement, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 6-2. Nanette and Greg abstained from the vote.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Mathieu, Chair  
Board of Abatement/Civil Authority

Nanette Rogers  
Town Clerk