BOARD OF ABATEMENT
January 19, 2017
Draft Minutes

Present:	Dave Tilton	Dennis Angiono
	Caroline Brown	Bob Bancroft
	Casey Mathieu	Dave Adams
	Nanette Rogers	Greg Barrows
	Ben Saunders	Trish Indoe
Guests:	Marge McIntosh	

The Board of Abatement met on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:02 p.m. at the Town Office.

Bob Bancroft nominated Dave Adams as Chair, seconded by Dennis Angiono. Motion passed: 10:0.

ROBERT & LOUISE KROSKY – TAX ABATEMENT
Robert and Louise Krosky submitted a request for tax abatement on January 7, 2017. They were not present at the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Krosky are seeking abatement of their delinquent taxes in the amount of $7,374.82 due to the inability to pay. They are trying to sell the property because they can no longer afford the taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Krosky own a 42 acre parcel off Plains Road. The Town has the property assessed at $129,500.

Marge McIntosh, Delinquent Tax Collector, was present. Marge provided a spreadsheet that explained her process for collecting delinquent taxes to avoid tax sale as well as a history of the Krosky account . The Kroskys have been on the list for more than 13 years. Until this year, they have never requested an abatement and have paid the delinquent taxes to avoid tax sale. This year the Kroskys did not pay the amount due by the date given them therefore Marge began proceedings of a tax sale. After Mr. and Mrs. Krosky received a letter from the Town's attorney regarding a tax sale, they filed a request for abatement.

Ben Saunders and Trish Indoe, Listers for the Town, advised that they have reviewed the Lister card and determined that the property is valued correctly.

No more testimony was taken. The Board explained that they will deliberate and let the appellants and Delinquent Tax Collector know the Board's decision.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION
The Board entered deliberative session at 7:16 p.m. The Board exited deliberative session at 7:29 p.m.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to deny the abatement request submitted by Robert and Louise Krosky based on the fact that abatements are meant to be an equitable remedy, used only in the most unusual circumstances, not as a way to subsidize taxpayers who can no longer afford to pay their property taxes, seconded by Dave Adams. Motion passed: 10-0.

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Adams, Chair
Board of Abatement

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk