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**Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 28, 2022**

In Attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Vice Chair Teresa Boucher, Justice of the Peace (JP) Jamie Dayton, JP Paula Moore, Town Clerk-Treasurer Maggie McCormick, Edward “Ned” Corbett

Via Zoom: JP Paul Sokal

- 1) Howard called the meeting order at 5:02 p.m.
- 2) Additions/deletions to agenda
  - a) Paula moved to add the election of a Board Chair to the agenda. Jamie seconded. All in favor; the election of a Chair was added to the agenda.
- 3) Election of a Board Chair
  - a) Paula nominated Howard. Jamie seconded.
  - b) There were no other nominations.
  - c) Howard was unanimously elected Chair.
- 4) Public comment; None.
- 5) Tax Abatement Request Hearing
  - a) Request for abatement of 22-23 tax bill by Ned Corbett
  - b) Appellant Edward James Corbett was sworn in and asked to state his name and address for the record:

Edward James Corbett  
1049 Hopkins Road  
Panton, VT
  - c) Testimony/Facts presented:
    - i) The state denied the appellant’s homestead declaration/payment because the application was received after the October 17, 2022 deadline. Appellant cited tax preparer as responsible for the late filing and not informing him of state deadline.
    - ii) Appellant stated he has always filed late and never

- (1) A copy of the state denial letter and email correspondence between the appellant and appellants' tax preparer were submitted for Board review.
- d) Appellant stated his tax return was incomplete due to required Medicare forms being completed by daughter and a copy that had to be requested from the state.
  - e) Appellant stated that he did not make any payment against his tax bill because he was waiting for the revised/final bill.
  - f) Appellant stated his request for abatement is due to his lack of income.
- 6) Howard moved to go into executive session. Jamie seconded. All in favor; the Board entered executive session at 5:53 p.m.
  - 7) Teresa moved to exit session. Paula seconded. All in favor; the Board returned to open session at 5:59 p.m.
  - 8) The Board determined to request three (3) years tax returns from the appellant via a letter that will be written and mailed by Maggie.
  - 9) Maggie moved that the abatement hearing be continued at a date to be scheduled following three weeks of the date of the letter, but not later than December 12, 2022. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
  - a) Teresa moved to adjourn the meeting. Paula seconded. All in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maggie McCormick  
Clerk & Treasurer