



Town of Barre VERMONT

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING

February 2, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Remind those present that the meeting will be audio taped.
Please speak clearly and identify yourself.
3. Roll call.
4. Approve the agenda.
5. Approve the November 3, 2021 meeting minutes.
6. Administer abatement oath to BOA.
7. Hear requests for abatement.
8. Review Board of Abatement Hearing and Code of Conduct Policy
9. Public comment
10. Adjourn.

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MINUTES

The duly warned Board of Abatement meeting was held at the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room, in Lower Websterville on Wednesday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Abatement Member Present: William Bugbee, Justin Bolduc, Jeanne Daniele, Donna J. Kely, Thomas Koch, Norma Malone, Paul Malone, Jay Perkins, Virginia Poplawski, R. Lee Walther, Sheila Walther, Paul White and Tina Lunt. Attendance by phone: Charles “Chip” Castle, J. Guy Isabelle, Ed Paquin, and Bob Nelson.

Board of Abatement Members Absent: Jeff Blow, Lori Cohen, JP Isabelle, W. John “Jack” Mitchell, and Assessor Russ Beaudoin.

Others Present: Rob LaClair, Topper McFaun, and Mary McFaun. (not present for deliberative session)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Malone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and proceeded with roll call. Those present were reminded that the meeting is being audio taped and to speak clearly and identify yourself.

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by William Bugbee, the Board of Abatement voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Ed Paquin, seconded by Chip Castle, the Board of Abatement voted unanimously to approve the June 2, 2021 meeting minutes with amendments as provided to the Clerk.

ABATEMENT OATH

Clerk Lunt administered the Oath to Board members.

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING OF February 2, 2022 continued:

ABATEMENT REQUESTS:

1. Patrick LeClerc
Sewer and Water
Tax Map:027/052.00
Amount: \$939.28

2. Christine Bradley
Sewer
Tax Map: 038/073.00
Amount: \$2,184.64

With no applicants present, the Board agreed to go into deliberative session.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Lee Walther, seconded by Norma Malone, the Board of Abatement voted unanimously to move into deliberative session at 6:11 p.m.

On a motion by Thomas Koch, seconded by William Bugbee, the Board of Abatement voted unanimously to come out of deliberative session at 6:42 p.m.

DECISIONS:

The following decisions were rendered.

1. Patrick LeClerc
Sewer and Water
Tax Map:027/052.00
Amount: \$870.17

The Board of Abatement voted to deny the abatement request of Patrick LeClerc, 15 Green Mountain View Drive, Tax Map 027/052.00 in the amount of \$870.17 for municipal water and sewer bills, citing the evidence presented did not support the criteria selected by the applicant (that the persons liable for the tax are financially unable to pay).

2. Christine Bradley
Sewer
Tax Map: 038/073.00
Amount: \$2,184.64

The Board of Abatement voted to abate the total interest in the amount of \$400.20 for Christine Bradley, 16 Meadow Drive, Tax Map 038/073.00, citing that the person liable for the tax is financially unable to pay. Additionally, the Board directed the Clerk to recommend the Town tax collector to contact the mortgage holder and provide notice of lien.

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING OF February 2, 2022 continued:

BOARD OF ABATEMENT HEARING AND CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY:

Mrs. Malone suggested Board members review the Board of Abatement Hearing and Code of Conduct Policy and provide any recommended changes to the Clerk.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Bill Bugbee, seconded by Norma Malone, the Board of Abatement voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

These are the minutes as taken by the Clerk of the Board.

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

_____, Barre Town Clerk.

Tina Lunt, Town Clerk