

# Board of Tax Abatement

minutes

Monday, October 27, 2014

The Board of Tax Abatement met at the Town Clerk's office on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:45 pm as warned.

**PRESENT:** Jan Aldrich, Rob Chickering, Sue Clayton, David Grundy, Julia Haynes, Teresa Conti, Steve Sparrow, Carl Etnier, Casey Northrup, Ross Hazel, Putnam Clayton, Don Welch, Karen Gramer, Leslie Silberberg, David Silberberg.

Chair Grundy called the hearing to order meeting at 6:45 pm followed by an introduction of Board attendees.

Chair Grundy invited Ms. Silberberg to begin in explaining her situation. She submitted a request (as recommended by her legal counsel) to the Town for abatement of penalty and interest on the delinquent taxes for the Winston (current owner) property located at 3035 US Route 2. She has taken over the delinquent payment agreement that was arranged with Collector of Delinquent Taxes-Karen Gramer after the property was set up for tax sale. The monthly payments made to honor the agreement are barely half of her monthly social security check.

She holds the mortgage of which Mr. Winston (the property owner) is in the arrears on payments. She also has sought legal counsel in reference to foreclosure on the property. She, along with Mr. Winston, had visions for the property, but extreme circumstances have not allowed that to happen. The property is for sale at this time. The property has incurred changes over the last couple of years with the State altering the guardrail and the garage and she wanted to make sure that these matters were reflected with the listers.

Ms. Silberberg is aware that with her not being the property owner, her abatement request was a long shot. She has been paying the taxes and wanted it to be noted that action was in the works to avoid tax sale. They wanted to know if the Board may know of any other options as well.

Appellants departed. Board went into Deliberative Session to discuss the matter at 7:10 pm and out at 7:25 pm.

Motion made and seconded that Ms. Silberberg abatement request be denied on the grounds that she is not the legal owner of the property. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Appellant will be notified.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor, hearing adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa E. Conti  
Town Clerk