Board of Tax Abatement

minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 2015

The Board of Tax Abatement met at the Town Clerk's office on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm as warned:

Town of East Montpelier Board Of Tax Abatement

WARNING

Tuesday July 7, 2015 at the Town Municipal Building 6:30 pm

AGENDA

6:30 Call to Order Introduction of parties and oaths (if needed) **HEARING Israel - abatement request** of penalty and interest Presentation and discussion Adjourn

PRESENT: Jan Aldrich, Tim Carver, Rich Curtis, Rob Chickering, David Grundy, Julia Haynes, Florence Morse, Teresa Conti, Carl Etnier, Rebecca Reed, Mitzi Unger, Ross Hazel, Donald Welch

Dave Grundy called the hearing to order at 6:35 pm followed by an introduction of our new Justice of the Peace and Board Member - Mildred 'Mitzi' Unger. Board attendees introduced themselves.

Mr. Grundy provided a brief summary of the case presented for Martha Israel for her request of abatement of penalty and interest.

The Board reviewed the state statutory criteria of 24 VSA 1535(a) for power to grant abatement. Discussion included the reminder notices posted on *Front Porch Forum* and the printing on the property tax bill itself regarding the post mark date on envelopes.

With no further discussion, motion made by Beck Reed and seconded by Julia Haynes to deny the appellant's request for abatement due to no criteria met based on Vermont State Statutes 24 VSA 1535 (a). All voted in favor. Request denied. Letter of denial to go to appellant.

Mr. Grundy called for any new Business. Carl Etnier called for the order to name a Chair of the Board. Motion made by Terri Conti and second made by many to name Dave Grundy as Chair of the Board of Tax Abatement. All vote in favor-motion carried.

Terri Conti advised the Board that a request for Grievance Appeal was received and wanted to know the evenings of availability of the Board. An email will go out to begin the process.

No other business brought forward, motion made with second received to adjourn. All voted in favor. Hearing adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully,

Teresa E. Conti – Town Clerk