

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ABATEMENT

TOWN HALL BASEMENT Meeting Room

1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT 05733

Thursday, January 12, 2017 6:30 PM

Present: Del Cook, Vice-Chair, Doug Bailey, Marge Munger, Seth Clifford, Sally Cook, Richard White, Skip Davis, Brian Coolidge, Devon Fuller and Clerk, Sue Gage

Acting Chair, Del Cook opened the meeting at 6:35 pm and reminded those present of the rules of conduct. Mr. Cook also asked that anyone with a conflict of interest in any of the hearings make known such conflicts. None of the board members acknowledged any conflicts.

## D) SEWER FEE ABATEMENTS

**6:30 PM John Dolan**, 724 Union Street, Brandon, VT 05733; Account 0420; Request for abatement of Sewer Fees

Hearing opened at 6:36 pm. Clerk, Susan Gage, presented a letter from applicant requesting an abatement of sewer fees, Ms. Gage also presented a Usage Summary from 2008 through the last reading on 8/16/2016. Mr. Dolan explained that he had a leak in his hot water tank which he was not aware of until he called the water department after receiving his water bill. Gene Pagano responded from the water department and detected the leak. Mr. Dolan and Mr. Pagano traced the leak to Mr. Dolans sump pump and to his backyard. Mr. Dolan is requesting abatement because the water never went into the sewer system but was absorbed in his backyard. Ms. Gage also testified that Mr. Dolan paid his sewer bill in an amount similar to what he has paid in the past.

Decision will be mailed to applicant within 15 days, per statute.

Hearing was closed

**6:45 PM Helyn Anderson**, 42 Park Street, Brandon, VT 05733; Account 0011; Request for abatement of Sewer Fees

Clerk, Susan Gage presented a letter from applicant requesting abatement of sewer fees, Ms. Gage also presented a Usage Summary from 2009 through the last reading on 8/16/2016. Ms. Anderson explained that she had a massive leak from an outside hose. She was away for several days and when she returned her lawn was saturated. Ms. Anderson requested an abatement of her sewer bill as the water did not go into the sewage system.

Decision will be mailed to applicant within 15 days, per statute.

Hearing was closed

## II) TAX ABATEMENTS

**7:00 PM, Cheryl Leblanc & Deidre Morris**, 580 Smalley Rd, Brandon, VT 05733; Parcel 0082-0580; Request for abatement of interest on taxes, Manifest Error.

Hearing was opened for consideration of the Leblanc/Morris request for abatement. Clerk, Susan Gage presented a letter from applicant requesting abatement of interest and penalties resulting from late payment of taxes for the first quarter, August 15, 2016. Ms. Gage explained the process in the office: that the box in front of the office is checked daily. She also explained that on payment due dates any payments in the box on the morning following the due dates are considered timely. Ms. Leblanc in her letter is confident that she left payment in the box on August 14, 2016. Ms. Gage stated that her payment was stamped as being received on August 18, 2016.

Decision will be mailed to applicant within 15 days, per statute.

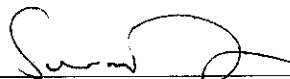
## II) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting of the Board of Abatement was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Del Cook, Acting Chair



Susan Gage, Clerk