

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ABATEMENT

TOWN HALL BASEMENT Meeting Room
1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT 05733
Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:00 PM

Present: Del Cook-Chair, Seth Hopkins, Doug Bailey, Marge Munger, Seth Clifford, Sally Cook, Brian Coolidge, Bud Coolidge, Devon Fuller, Joan Thomas, Laura Peterson, Wendy Feldman and Clerk, Sue Gage (a quorum of members)

Acting Chair, Del Cook opened the meeting at 6:01 pm.

I) TAX ABATEMENTS

6:01 PM Town of Brandon, 1745 Town Farm Rd, Brandon, VT 05733; Parcel 0082-1745; Request for abatement of Taxes; Manifest Error

Clerk, Susan Gage presented a letter from applicant Dave Atherton on behalf of the Town of Brandon. The property was acquired in tax sale occurring in June of 2015, with a Tax Sale Deed on June 29, 2016. The Town of Brandon is not a taxable entity and taxes should be abated accordingly. Seth Clifford moved to abate the taxes on the property in the amount of \$5,795.48. Joan Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Hearing was closed

II) SEWER FEE ABATEMENTS

6:08 PM John Dolan, 724 Union Street, Brandon, VT 05733; Account 0420; Request for abatement of Sewer Fees

Clerk, Susan Gage presented a letter from applicant requesting abatement sewer fees, Ms. Gage also presented a Usage Summary from 2008 through the last reading on 3/6/2017. Ms. Gage explained that Mr. Dolan appeared before the Board of Abatement in January of this year to abate sewer fees on his bill received in late September. Mr. Dolan had a leaking water heater that was running through his sump pump into his back yard. This leak was not fixed until the middle of the latest reading in March of this year. Mr. Dolan asserted that he repaired his water heater as soon as possible but it was after the August reading and after he received his invoices in late September and October. The BOA in January calculated his average usage of 7,932 gallons and based the abatement on average usage. Seth Clifford moved to abate sewer fees in excess of the average usage of 7,932 which amounts to 57,425 gallons or \$746.53. Bud Coolidge seconded the motion and the motion passed.


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III) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting of the Board of Abatement was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Del Cook, Chair



Susan Gage, Clerk