

# Minutes of the Brandon Board of Abatement

REMOTE ZOOM Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Chair, Del Cook, Sally Cook, Laura Peterson, John Peterson, Kathy Clark, Tim Guiles, Seth Hopkins, Seth Clifford, Marge Munger, Bill Moore, Wendy Rowe-Feldman and Clerk, Sue Gage. Note a quorum was present.

Guests: Jean and Paul Bushee

Chair Del Cook convened the meeting at 6:00. Due to some technical difficulties, the hearing did not begin immediately.

**6:00 pm Hearing – Paul and Jean Bushee; Parcel 0087-0065; Sewer Account 0650; 65 Carver Street; Per 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3)– Taxes and Sewer fees of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, sewer fees, interest, and collection fees.**

Chair Cook opened the hearing at 6:10 pm and swore in Jean and Paul Bushee. Clerk, Sue Gage sent a packet to all members of the board ahead of the meeting as well as to Mr. and Mrs. Bushee. The packet contained a letter of request for abatement from the Bushees, and Ms. Gage included detailed balances of amounts owed and paid since the Bushee's began falling behind. Mr. Cook asked the Bushee's to speak to their request for abatement. Ms. Bushee reiterated her letter and stated that the letter addressed their situation and concerns. She asked that the Board of Abatement provide some relief so that they could get back on their feet. Ms. Gage noted that the Bushee's have been paying but the payments go to penalties and interest before principal. Ms. Gage noted that they have paid \$5,730.10 in penalties and interest at this point.

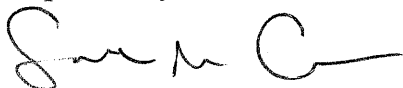
The hearing was closed at 6:27 pm.

The Board went into deliberative session following the hearing, which continued until the decision was written and approved.

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Gage, Clerk