

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ABATEMENT

Monday, April 11, 2022, 6:30 pm
Brandon Town Hall
1 Conant Square, Brandon, VT

Present: Chair, Marge Munger, Hillary Knapp, Seth Hopkins, Tim Guiles, Laura Peterson, John Peterson, Bruce Blanch, Bud Coolidge, Brian Coolidge and Clerk, Sue Gage. Note: Quorum was present.

Marge Munger opened the meeting at 6:27 pm.

I) TAX ABATEMENT

6:30 pm Hearing – John & Sandra Cram, 2049 Wheeler Rd, Brandon, VT; Requesting abatement under 24 VSA § 1535(a)(5) Taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year.

There were no conflicts of interest, nor ex parte communications disclosed.

Marge Munger opened the hearing at 6:27 pm. Clerk, Sue Gage distributed information about the request for abatement including a letter of request from Rebecca Robertson, daughter of owners of record John and Sandra Cram, copies of tax bills from 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, lister cards for 2019 and 2020, and a calculation by Sue Gage determining the amount of the tax on the mobile home that was destroyed on 9/9/2019.

Rebecca Robertson wrote to the Town Clerk on 10/26/2021 that the property at 2049 Wheeler Road, a mobile home, was destroyed by fire on September 9, 2019. The 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 tax bills erroneously included the mobile home which was a complete loss. Ms. Robertson is requesting an abatement of taxes charged on the mobile home when it was not in existence.

The board granted the abatement recognizing that the mobile home was destroyed and should not be taxed after the date it was destroyed. The board also requested that any interest and penalties on same be abated. The abatement will be credited to outstanding property tax amounts due.


Hearing was adjourned at 6:43

II) Other Information

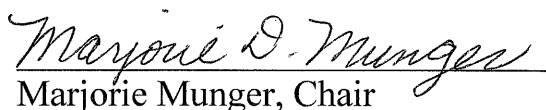
Clerk Sue Gage stated that we will be seeing an abandon mobile home order soon from the courts. She will continue to abate these as she receives them and will update the BOA at the next scheduled meeting.

III) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47



Susan Gage, Clerk



Marjorie Munger, Chair