

Shrewsbury Board of Abatement
July 9, 2018

Members Present:

John Berryhill	Lee Wilson	Bert Potter
Larry Carrara	Sharon Winnicki	Aaron Korzun
Barry Griffith	Adrienne Raymond	Steven Nicholson
Betsy Jesser	Linda McGuire	
Trish Norton	Mark Goodwin	

Requestors:

Duane Carrara
Randy Page, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Berryhill.

Selection of Chairperson:

Mark Goodwin nominated John Berryhill as Chair of the Board of Abatement for the coming year, Aaron Korzun seconded. Steven Nicholson moved to close nominations, Lee Wilson seconded. Approved unanimously without dissent.

Proceedings:

Duane Carrara

John Berryhill administered the oath to Mr. Carrara. Chairperson Berryhill indicated that the decision made after the Board made their deliberations would be final.

Duane presented his case in general form. He stated that he had paid taxes on property that he did not own on his 2017 Tax Bill. His summary explanation and rationale were that a mistake was made in the totality of the parcels that he owned solely and those that his son Russell owned.

There were some questions regarding clarification as to when various parcels changed title in relation to the annual April 1st deadline for setting the Grand List that determines assessment for taxation purposes.

Chairman Berryhill determined that prior to deciding in respect to the claim of having paid taxes on property that was not owned, an analysis of the deeds will need to be completed to ascertain who owned what and when.

Barry Griffith moved that a recess be declared to make an analysis of the deeds, seconded by Bert Potter. The motion was approved unanimously. The current proceeding was recessed until Friday July 20th when an examination of the deeds

completed analysis concerning the ownership in question could be made and checked for both assessment and tax billing, prior to any further deliberations.

Proceedings:

Randy Page, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

John Berryhill administered the oath to Mr. Page

Request to abate the taxes of Michele Cheney (deceased) for the following years:
2009 - \$240.51 and 2010 – \$37.97 for a total of \$278.48

Randy page testified that he made the required attempts via mailings and phone calls to Ms. Cheney prior to her death on April 21, 2014 in the City of Rutland. Upon inquiry from Linda McGuire, Mr. Page testified that as best he could ascertain that Ms. Cheney died insolvent and that he could find no record of any residual assets that could be liquidated to satisfy the delinquent tax owed.

Decisions of the Board:

Page:

Steven Nicholson moved to abate \$278.48 of the 2009 and 2010 Total Tax owed by Michele Cheney, per 24 V.S. A. §1535 (a) 1 & 2, Bert seconded. Approved unanimously.

This portion of the Abatement meeting was concluded the recessed portion will reconvene on July 20 for further deliberations.

/s/

Mark Goodwin
Clerk, Board of Abatement

Approved:

/s/

John Berryhill, Chair Board of Abatement

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**Board of Abatement
Reconvening of Meeting of July 9, 2018**

Subject: Duane Carrara's request to abate taxes on property that he did not own.

Members Present:

John Berryhill	Barry Griffith	Larry Carrara
Trish Norton	Lee Wilson	Linda McGuire
Adrienne Raymond	Sharon Winnick	Mark Goodwin

Having determined that a quorum was present the meeting proceeded.

Linda McGuire and Adrienne Raymond presented the data that they had collected in respect to the property owned by Duane Carrara individually and in conjunction with Russell Carrara since 2015. It was affirmed that there was a 1.13 acre discrepancy in the acreage that was attributed to Duane individually, which was also attributed to Russell Carrara. This appears to be an administrative error, that was recognized and due to be addressed in the Errors and Omissions procedure prior to the 2018 Tax Bill being distributed.

Lee Wilson moved to abate the following tax for 1.13 acres of land mistakenly attributed to Duane Carrara:

\$254.83 for tax year 2016
\$263.44 for tax year 2017
Total = \$518.27

Trish Norton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Barry Griffith volunteered to write up the Findings of the Board of Abatement to be mailed to the requestor and for record.

Duly adjourned at 7:35 PM

/s/

Mark Goodwin
Clerk, Board of Abatement

Approved:

John Berryhill, Chair Board of Abatement

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