

## BOARD OF ABATEMENT

DECEMBER 9, 2024

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Barry Griffith, Patricia Norton, Adrienne Raymond, Lee Wilson, (Justices of the Peace), Aaron Korzun and Francis Wyatt, (Selectboard members), Clara Krueger and Scott Ryan, (Listers), Rebecca Rice, Town Clerk, Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer (attended remotely). Betsy Jesser (Justice of the Peace arrived at 7:00 P.M. **Also Present:** Stephen Nicholson, Delinquent Tax Collector and as member of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by Rebecca Rice. Lee Wilson nominated Barry Griffith as Chairperson of the Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Adrienne Raymond and was passed unanimously.

**6:45 CARMINE IANNACE and RITA GYLYS: Property located at 240 Hinckley Road, Parcel ID #031-0-0240.** Carmine Ianannci and Rita Gylys requested an abatement of the penalty on their taxes due October 4, 2024. They claimed they had arranged to have the tax payment made from their bank account on September 30, 2024 and that they had been provided proof of the payment having been made on October 1, 2024 They were present at the hearing and were sworn in. Linda McGuire appeared remotely and was sworn in. The Applicants presented information from their bank that the payment had actually been sent out on October 1, 2024 even though the envelope received by the Town Treasurer on October 7, 2024 did not include a U.S. Postage Service date stamp. Ms. McGuire testified that she had received the payment in the mail on October 7, 2024.

**7:00 JEFFREY FAY and LINDA FAY: Property located at 528 Wilmouth Hill Road, Parcel No. 011-0-0528.** Jeffrey Fay and Linda Fay requested an abatement of the penalty on their taxes due October 4, 2024 as it was delivered to the drop box located in the Town Office at 7:30 on October 4, 2024 after the Town Treasurer had left the office. Mr and Ms. Fay were present at the hearing. They were sworn in and Ms. Fay testified as to what her actions were on October 4, 2024. Linda McGuire was present remotely and was sworn in. She testified that she had received the payment on October 5, 2024 when she checked the box in the Town Office.

**7:15 TIMOTHY HEWITT AND BETH HEWITT: Property located at 211 Frank Lord Road, Parcel No. 037-0-0211.** Timothy Hewitt and Beth Hewitt requested an abatement of the penalty on their taxes. They had paid the taxes on October 3, 2024 but were advised by their bank on October 7, 2024 that there were insufficient funds in their bank account to cover the check and that the check was being returned by the bank. The Hewitts were present at the hearing and were sworn in. Linda McGuire was present remotely and was sworn in. The Hewitts notified the Town Treasurer on October 8, by email about the insufficient funds and that the had transferred sufficient funds to cover the taxes and that the check could be redeposited. The

Treasurer informed them that the Town does not redeposit previously returned checks. The Treasurer did acknowledge that the Hewitts contacted her on October 8, 2024.

**7:30 SHARON SWEET: Property located at 420 Frank Lord Road, Parcel No. 037-0-0211.** Sharon Sweet requested an abatement of the penalty on her delinquent taxes. Her appeal was based on the fact that she had put a check in the mail for payment of the taxes on September 3, 2024 but apparently it never reached the town. Ms. Sweet was present at the hearing and presented a copy of her check register for the month from August 26, 2024 through September 27, 2024 showing that a check in the amount of the taxes had been written on September 3, 2024. She testified that the first that she knew that the Town had not received the check was when she received the Notice of Delinquency from the Tax Collector dated October 18, 2024. It was not disputed that the check had not been received by the Town or negotiated by any party.

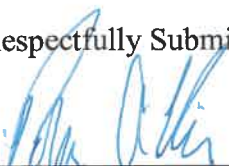
**7:45 COREY CROSSMAN: Property Located at 5998 Cold River Road, Parcel No. 001-0-5998.** Corey Crossman requested an abatement of the assessment of his taxes for the 2022 and 2023 tax years as there had been a fire in the residence on the property in January 2022 and the property had not yet been repaired. The Listers had reassessed the property in September 2024 to reflect the reduction in the value of the home. Corey Crossman was not present so the Board of Abatement used the 2024 assessment as well as information provided by the applicant in his Request for Abatement. The taxes on the property are current.

At 8:00 P.M. a Motion was made to enter into Deliberative Session for discussion. Motion passed. Mr. Nicholson left the office leaving only the Board of Abatement members for the deliberative session.

At 8:55 P.M. a Motion was made to exit Deliberative Session. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



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Rebecca A, Rice, Town Clerk