



Board of Abatement

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Building Community Room (43 Bombardier Road)

MINUTES

BOA Members Present: Jon Hughes, Chair; Brenda Steady, Vice Chair & Selectboard Member; Kristin Beers, BCA Clerk; Charles Barsalow, JP; Steve Burke, JP; Amy Maxfield, JP; Dana Maxfield, JP; Leland Morgan, JP; Michael Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Chris Taylor, Selectboard Member; John Gifford, Town Treasurer

BOA Members Not Present: Kevin Endres, JP; Mary Ann Godin, JP; Reginald Godin, JP; Christopher Mattos, JP; Wendell Noble, JP; John Palasik, JP; Thomas Rowley, JP; Darren Adams, Selectboard Member; John Fitzgerald, Selectboard Member

Others Present: none.

1. Board of Abatement meeting was called to order by Jon Hughes at 6:23 p.m.
2. Jon Hughes led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Michael Morgan made a motion to approve the Board of Abatement Minutes for the February 8, 2022 meeting, with a second by Amy Maxfield.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously.
4. John Gifford presented four proposed abatements in the following order:
 - a. Housekeeping Abatements:
 - i. Michael Morgan moved to abate all of the low tax balances due (under \$10.00) for a total of \$44.92.
 - ii. Leland Morgan seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Fire at 19 Birch Lane:
 - i. Michael Morgan moved to abate the 2021-2022 tax amount totaling \$2,809.36 for the house owned by Robert McClellan Jr & Erica Cannon (19 Birch Lane) that burned down on June 30, 2021. John Gifford explained the property owners are seeking tax abatement for the value of the house only, not the land or any other usable out buildings. They are in the process of rebuilding and expect to move back in after July 2022.
 - ii. Brenda Steady seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Mobile home declared by court to be abandoned and uninhabitable:
 - i. Michael Morgan moved to abate the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 taxes, late penalty and interest totaling \$1,962.82 for the mobile home formerly owned by Michael Flood & Melissa Bouffard at 135 Pecor Avenue. John Gifford explained that the former owners moved out of Milton, leaving the mobile home abandoned and uninhabitable. By court order, the

ownership of this mobile home has been transferred to the park (Milton Mobile Home Cooperative) "free and clear" of all unpaid property taxes...

ii. Leland Morgan seconded.

iii. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Mobile home declared by court to be abandoned and uninhabitable:

i. Michael Morgan moved to abate the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 taxes, late penalty and interest totaling \$934.86 for the mobile home formerly owned by Gary Ravlin at 28 Owen Court. John Gifford explained that the former owner passed away in April 2020, leaving the mobile home abandoned and uninhabitable. By court order, the ownership of this mobile home has been transferred to the park (Housing Foundation Inc) "free and clear" of all unpaid property taxes...

ii. Brenda Steady seconded.

iii. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Michael Morgan moved to adjourn the Board of Abatement meeting at 6:35 pm, with a second by Leland Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Beers*

APPROVED MINUTES:



Jon Hughes, Chair

Date: 



Board of Civil Authority

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

(Immediately followed the Board of Abatement Meeting)

Municipal Building Community Room (43 Bombardier Road)

MINUTES

BCA Members Present: Jon Hughes, Chair; Brenda Steady, Vice Chair & Selectboard Member; Kristin Beers, BCA Clerk; Charles Barsalow, JP; Steve Burke, JP; Amy Maxfield, JP; Dana Maxfield, JP; Leland Morgan, JP; Michael Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Chris Taylor, Selectboard Member

BCA Members Not Present: Kevin Endres, JP; Mary Ann Godin, JP; Reginald Godin, JP; Christopher Mattos, JP; Wendell Noble, JP; John Palasik, JP; Thomas Rowley, JP; Darren Adams, Selectboard Member; John Fitzgerald, Selectboard Member

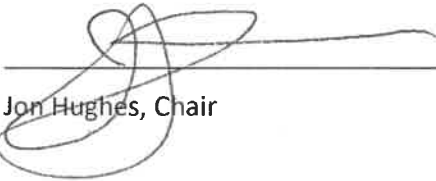
Others Present: none.

1. Board of Civil Authority meeting was called to order by Jon Hughes at 6:36 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Leland Morgan made a motion to approve the Board of Civil Authority Minutes for the February 8, 2022 meeting, with a second by Dana Maxfield.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Prepare for the upcoming August Primary election:
 - a. Kristin passed around a sign-up sheet for shifts on August 9, 2022.
 - b. Kristin asked the BCA for permission to hire workers for the upcoming election.
 - i. Brenda Steady made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to hire workers for the upcoming Vermont Primary election. Second by Michael Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Kristin asked the BCA for permission to process absentee ballots early.
 - i. Charlie Barsalow made a motion to allow election officials to deposit early voter absentee ballots into the vote tabulator on a day preceding the August 9th Primary election, in accordance with the provisions of 17 VSA §4564a, if needed, based on the volume received. Second by Steve Burke. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Kristin led discussion regarding the plan to hold the Primary election in the Municipal Building, as we used to pre-Covid. The new CHI-FRA district is our larger district with about 5,623 voters. The new GI-CHI district has about 1,111 voters and the new CHI-25 district has about 1,774 voters. The one larger district will vote in the Community Room, and the two smaller districts will be set up to vote in the Library Community Room. We will have election workers in the lobby to help direct voters into the correct polling places. Voters will enter and exit through the main lobby - we will not be having voters move through the building in one direction.

- e. Kristin showed slides of the new tabulator and discussed its features and functions.
 - f. Reminder that Justice of the Peace terms expire Feb 1, 2023. To be placed on the ballot this November, candidates must file by August 12, 2022. Major and minor party JP candidates are nominated by town caucus or town party committee, and Independent JP candidates must file the Consent of Candidate and Petition forms.
4. Jon Hughes led discussion about the upcoming Tax Appeal Hearings. Reminder to review handbooks and materials. We can split into smaller groups, especially if there are many hearings requested. We should meet and discuss policies before the first scheduled hearing. Kristin will notify everyone when appeal requests are received.
 5. Leland Morgan moved to adjourn the Board of Civil Authority meeting at 6:55 pm, with a second by Michael Morgan. Motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Beers*

APPROVED MINUTES:



Jon Hughes, Chair

Date:

7/19/22