

# Board of Abatement Meeting

August 19, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Present: Kurt Klein  
Belinda Harris Clegg  
Michael Davidson  
Maria Stadtmueller  
Deb Klein  
Cindy Lowell  
Linda Martin  
Tom Martin  
Cornelius Reed  
Linda Reeve  
Dolly Holton  
Katie Black

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by Cornelius Reed, chair.

The board read through the two requests for abatement

*The following request was allowed under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3). Taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees.*

## **Susan Green Estate – William Green, Administrator**

Cornelius read the Abatement Request Form from taxpayer's Brother William Green (Susan Green Estate) who was notified, but could not appear due to covid-19 restrictions. The request was to abate the penalty and interest on the following parcel #03067. Susan Green died before May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 taxes were due. Her brother was granted Administrator of her estate on May 22, 2020. Mr. Green paid the taxes but not the interest and penalty. He felt that these fees should be waived due to the unexpected timing of his sister's death. After deliberation, Cindy Lowell made the motion to abate \$218.93 in penalty and interest. Maria Stadtmueller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*The following request was allowed under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(4). Taxes in which there is a mistake of the listers.*

**William Baker & Lisa Martin**

Cornelius read the Abatement Request Form from Will Baker who was notified and in attendance. Listers Tom Martin and Deb Klein along with Will Baker took an oath to testify to the listers position. Spouses of the Listers Kurt Klein and Linda Martin were asked to leave as to a conflict of Interest. Will Baker is asking for an Abatement of taxes in the amount of \$367.00 on the property at 2597 Town Hill Rd. Parcel #08063. Due to the lister's reassessing his property the following year after a Board of Civil authority decision to change the listers assessment the year before. In the letter sent to him from the BCA it states that his assessment will stay the same for up to three years if no improvements are made on the property. The listers felt that this was wrong so readjusted his property back to the value they had put on it before the BCA decision. They visited the property but never asked the taxpayers permission to enter the premises.

Cindy Lowell made the motion to abate the taxes in the amount \$367.00. Linda Reeve seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board felt that the decision of the BCA should stand for the three years unless there were improvements.

Belinda Harris Clegg motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Harris Clegg  
Secretary of the Board

Cornelius Reed

Board Chair