

**Minutes of Board of Abatement Meeting
Tuesday, April, 19, 2016**

Board of Civil Authority Present:

Ed Read, Chair, (Ed), Doug Mosle (Doug), Sarah Stavraky (Sarah), Patti Lewis (Patti), Gussie Graves (Gussie), Chuck Martel (Chuck), Peter Forbes (Peter), and Tom Bisbee (Tom) (Board)

Guests Present:

None

9:02 a.m. – Ed called the meeting to order, noting there was a quorum and that purpose of the meetings was to hear evidence from Tom Hamill.

Parcel ID#07-071 – Thomas Hamill

Ed began by reading Mr. Hamill's email dated March 31, 2016 which read that he was asking for abatement of the delinquent tax penalty. He understands the date of the last payment was on November 1 and his payment arrived on November 3rd. He has owned his home since 2001 and never been late before and asks the Board to take this into consideration.

The Board began to deliberate immediately thereafter.

DECISIONS MADE:

Parcel ID#07-071 – Thomas Hamill

Doug made a motion that in consideration of the evidence presented, the Board denies the request for abatement of penalty.

The Board acknowledged and appreciated that Mr. Hamill has made timely payments for many years. The Board however, has an obligation to treat all tax payers in an equitable fashion and taxes were due thirty days after the bill went out (tax due August 10th, 2015), and the town does offer a generous grace period before the November 1st delinquent date.

Tom seconded the motion, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Patti Lewis recused herself from the vote to avoid any conflict of interest as delinquent tax collector.

9:55 a.m. Ed made a motion to adjourn. Patti seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:
Patti Lewis