

Minutes of Board of Abatement Meeting  
Thursday, December 29, 2011

Board Present: Robert Vasseur (Robert), Ann Day (Ann), Patti Lewis (Patti), Rick Rayfield (Rick), Lisa Koitzsch (Lisa), Tom Bisbee (Tom), Tony Egan (Tony), Fred Spencer (Fred), Gussie Graves (Gussie).

Guests: None

Meeting called to order 10:00 a.m.

James V. DePiero is asking that the Board of Abatement (Board) abate the 2011 delinquent tax penalty and interest (\$511.09) for parcel ID 06-028-001. See attached email dated December 5, 2011.

Mr. DePiero states that the Town had the wrong zip code and thus he never received his 2011 tax bill and thus should not be responsible for interest or penalty. Noted: Mr. DePiero did receive the delinquent tax notice with the same zip code in question.

Board concluded that the Town has had the same address and zip code for him for several years and that there had never been a problem in the past. The Town did not receive the tax bill back as undeliverable. Board understands that it is the responsibility of the property owner to advise the Town of address changes. Board recognizes that Mr. DePiero has paid his taxes on time in the past. This fact would support the idea that as a long time property owner he should have known approximately when the taxes were due, and if he had not received a tax notice reasonable responsibility would have been to contact the Town for a copy of the bill.

Lisa Koitzsch made a motion to deny Mr. DePiero's abatement request since property owner has been receiving tax notices at this address since 2006 and should have notified the Town Clerk of any change of address. Ann Day seconded, no further discussion, six voted in favor, one opposed, motion carried.

Gussie Graves recused herself due to the fact she has listed Mr. DePiero's land for sale. Patti Lewis recused herself due to possible conflict of interest as delinquent tax collector.

10:30 a.m. – Ann Day made a motion to adjourn. Tom Bisbee seconded, no further discussion, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Patti Lewis  
Town Clerk