

**Minutes of Board of Abatement Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016**

Board of Civil Authority Present:

Jared Cadwell, Chair, (Jared), Ed Read (Ed), Robert Vasseur (Robert), Patti Lewis (Patti), Gussie Graves (Gussie), Doug Mosle (Doug), Rick Rayfield (Rick) (Board)

Guests Present:

David Quenneville (David)

8:00 a.m. – Jared called the meeting to order, noting there was a quorum and that purpose of the meetings was to hear evidence from David and Vicky Quenneville.

Parcel ID#01-120 – David and Vicky Quenneville

David explained his continued battle with cancer and the health and financial issues they face because of it. He has missed several weeks of work at a loss of \$500.00/week. He mentioned large medical expenses for his ongoing treatments, without full specifics as to insured and uninsured costs. He said he earns most of his income in the summer. Vicky's disability is \$600.00/month. He noted a payment of \$500.00 that the Cancer Society had paid toward their taxes and the \$411.00 State adjustment they had received. He is asking that the Town accept these two payments in lieu of the full tax amount. He did not present other information on their assets and liabilities, or their annual income beyond that noted above.

Gussie offered that the Listers might visit his home to reassess in order to make sure it is still valued correctly since the last re-appraisal in 2010 and noted that a town wide re-appraisal would be complete in 2017.

The Board thanked David for coming in and told him they would get back to him with a decision soon.

8:11 a.m. Jared made a motion to go into deliberative session. Ed seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

DECISIONS MADE:

Parcel ID#01-120—David and Vicky Quenneville

The Board discussed the information that was offered, and other more appropriate financial relief for which the Quennevilles might be eligible. Insufficient information had been presented to deem them “unable to pay” as allowed but not required by Vermont Statute.

The Board discussed the previous abatement of penalty for the Quennevilles and its success in giving them some relief and time to get their taxes paid.

Ed made a motion to abate the balance of the penalty due of \$120.56 based on perceived hardship. Gussie seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

8:45 a.m. Ed made a motion to close deliberative session. Robert seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

8:46 a.m. – Jared made the motion to adjourn. Ed seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis

Rick Rayfield *Jal Calver*

Patti Lewis and Rick Rayfield