

**Minutes of Board of Abatement Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

Board of Abatement Present:

Jared Cadwell (Jared), Chuck Martel (Chuck), Tom Bisbee (Tom), Patti Lewis (Patti), Peter Forbes (Peter), Rick Rayfield (Rick), and Gussie Graves (Gussie), (Board)

Guests Present: Andrew Hallam (Andy) – Parcel ID #08-033

Jared called the Board of Abatement meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear the appeal of Andy Hallam, explained the Rules of Procedure (Andy had received a copy), and administered the oath to Andy.

Andy explained that he had been assessed an 8% penalty due to the late filing of his HS-122 Declaration Form. He produced a copy of the form and stated it was filed by Hall & Holden on 5/18/16. He was unaware there was an issue until he received a revised copy of his tax bill in December which increased his taxes (non-residential to residential rate) and also showed a penalty of \$472.41. He had previously paid his tax bill in full. Hall & Holden had filed an extension for him due to confusion caused by his children's income tax filings. He has since paid the additional tax due but requests abatement of the 8% penalty.

9:29 a.m. Chuck made a motion to go into deliberative session. Peter seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9:42 a.m. – Chuck made a motion to close deliberative session. Tom seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

DECISION:

Andrew Hallam – Parcel ID #08-033

Patti made a motion to abate the \$472.41 late filer penalty. Tom seconded.

The Board ruled in favor of A. Hallam due to confusion at the State level about Hallam's residency status which resulted in the State sending a revised bill to the Town in December.

No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9:43 a.m. – Rick made a motion to adjourn. Gussie seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis

Approved: _____
Jared Cadwell, Chair

Date: 2.16.17