

**Minutes of Board of Abatement Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

Board of Civil Authority Present:

Jared Cadwell, Chair, (Jared), Ed Read (Ed), Robert Vasseur (Robert), Tony Egan (Tony), Tom Bisbee (Tom), Patti Lewis (Patti), Gussie Graves (Gussie), and Rick Rayfield (Rick)

Guests Present:

Andy Yager

Parcel ID#03-032-001 – Andy Yager (Andy)

9:00 a.m. – Jared called the meeting to order.

Andy and the Board members discussed a number of things, including but not limited to:

The timing of Andy's filing the HS 122 and Tax Adjustment forms (He said he filed around April 13, 2014 while the Town shows it filed as of 9/1/14), the death of his wife and his process working with the State to get them to accept his income figure, the tax adjustment he ultimately received from the State, (undisclosed to the Board as Andy felt it was not relevant), his payment history and whether that should be a consideration, the fact he has never asked for an abatement of penalty before, how much Andy thought the State might pay (unknown to him until the State accepted his numbers), when he received his tax bill, and that he believes the State was the cause of this problem.

The Board thanked Andy for being present and offering additional information, they would now go into deliberative session and would get back to him soon with a decision.

9:20 a.m. – Jared made a motion to go into deliberative session. Rick seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9:35 a.m. – Jared made a motion to close deliberative session. Ed seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

DECISION MADE:

Parcel ID#03-032-001 – Andy Yager (Andy)

Ed made the motion to abate 50% of the penalty (\$253.74) and to remove the March interest of \$7.04. Additional interest will accrue if balance of \$253.74 is not paid by April 1, 2015.

Tom seconds. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

This decision was based on looking at Andy's past tax adjustments from the State of Vermont which were about half the property taxes due and therefore, the Board felt this was a fair compromise.

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

9:35 a.m. – Jared made the motion to adjourn. Ed seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:
Patti Lewis

Approved: _____ Date: _____