

**Minutes of Board of Abatement Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2014**

Board of Civil Authority Present:

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

Guests Present:

David and Vicky Quenneville

Parcel ID#01-120 – David and Vicky Quenneville (David and Vicky)

9:00 a.m. – Ed called the meeting to order and swore everyone in.

Vicky began by describing David's recent health issues which included pneumonia, blood disease and prostate cancer, and the fact he has not been able to work since September. His employer, McCullough Crushing, is paying him the equivalent of twenty hours per week for six weeks which will shortly be used up. He is unable to get unemployment as he is not employable and does not qualify for disability. Vicky does receive \$600/month disability.

It was noted that their tax bill is approximately \$2300/year.

She described their decrease of income from \$25/hour with full benefits when he was working for Duxbury to \$15/hour and no benefits when he went with McCullough Crushing.

On 12/17/14 David will be out of work for at least eight weeks after this surgery and possibly another six after that if it is not successful.

Question was asked about anticipating the tax burden and putting a monthly amount away starting a year ago. Vicky replied that they had but that those meager savings were soon gone when the health issues started.

Question was asked as to what exactly they were asking for and Vicky replied abatement of this year's taxes, interest and penalty.

Discussion followed about the fact the property is in a life estate. Upon the death of Vicky and David the property will go to Joseph Quenneville. Until then Vicky and David are responsible for the taxes.

Property description is a mobile home on .9 acres assessed at \$128,600.00.

Vicky noted other agencies they are applying to for assistance and some fundraising efforts happening on their behalf.

The Board thanked Vicky and David for coming in.

Board entered deliberative session and then came out of deliberative.

DECISIONS MADE:

Parcel ID#01-120 – David and Vicky Quenneville

Gussie made the motion to abate the property tax penalty for 2014 and to abate current and future interest until April 30th, 2015. Ed seconded

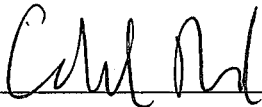
The Board felt that due to David's adverse health conditions and temporary loss of income that relieving the stress of the debt growing at this time was appropriate. However, as the taxes have to be paid one way or another, they were reluctant to shift the burden to the rest of the taxpayers.

There was no further discussion. All voted in favor (Patti recused herself from this vote). Motion carried.

9:44 a.m. – Ed made the motion to adjourn. Rick seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:
Patti Lewis

Approved: _____



Date: _____

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