

TOWN OF CASTLETON
BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING
SEPTMEBER 10, 2018 6:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Lobdell, Deborah Rosmus, Nedra Boutwell, Richard Combs, Jim Leamy, Gerard Ashton, Pat Albin-Diercksen, Nancy Trudo, Bob Spaulding, Robert Grace, Nancy Mark, Mike Bethel.

OTHERS PRESENT: Margaret Lyle, Tax Department, Michael Jones, Town Manager

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Co-Chair Scott Lobdell. Jack and Martha Clifford took their oath and the board members took their oath.

Debbie R made a motion to accept a letter presented by the Clifford's from Tim Dayton and Angela Hubler requesting a refund of any overpayment of taxes for the 2017-2018 year. Nancy M seconded. All in favor, Motion passed.

John (Jack) and Martha Clifford	37 Campbell Road	202000010
Tim Dayton & Angela Hubler	27 Campbell Road	202000009

Jack explained that he sold 27 Campbell Road on June 12, 2017, he spoke with Lisa W in the Assessor's Office and she told him that before the sale happened the property could not be split, when the sale happened the parcels would be split. At the time of the sale they used the original tax bill from 2016/17 of \$5,816.72 and based the taxes due on this figure. Jack spoke with his lawyer and states splitting the parcels before the sale is a manifest error, per Vermont Statute 24 § 1535 and Jack would like his delinquent balance cleared including the penalty and interest. Jacks note states a total of \$4,672.96 should be credited to Tim Dayton.

There was discussion and reading of handouts. Bill K, of NEMC, sent a note stating that he believed the Assessor improperly separated the parcels for individual taxation in the 2017 Grand List. Bill's conclusion was the property should have remained a single assessment in the 2017 Grand List with a total value of \$433,000. Nancy T made a motion to abate \$4,672.96 in taxes, Dick C seconded. Discussion followed. Margaret L was present to explain the payments, the board decided that was not necessary. Pat D recused herself. Nancy amended her motion to include the penalties and interest. Dick C seconded and noted the powers that be can sort this out easily, the tax collector and secretary. The question was called, to abate the taxes of \$4,672.96 in taxes plus penalties and interest. All in favor, Motion passed.

Debbie R made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 BOA meeting. Jim L seconded. All in favor, Motion passed.

Bob G called for a motion to adjourn. Pat D seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted:

Nedra Boutwell, Town Clerk

Approved:

Date: