

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 AT 5:30PM
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 5:31pm on June 24, 2015 in the second floor meeting room of Town Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 15 out of 17 members present. Selectboard – Jake White, Susie Haughwout (also as Town Clerk), Diane Chapman, John Gannon, Tom Fitzgerald (also as Justice of the Peace); Justices of the Peace – Rosemarie Blair, Elizabeth McEwen, Fred Houston, Marcia Dorey, Peter Barton; Listers – Len Chapman, Lynne Matthews, Diane Schipke, Kay Martin; Town Treasurer – Christine Richter.

Clerk opened nominations for Chair – Fred Houston nominated Elizabeth McEwen, seconded by Tom Fitzgerald. Hearing no other nominations, the Clerk cast 1 ballot to elect McEwen as Chair.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2014 made by Fred Houston, seconded by Diane Chapman. VOICE VOTE – 13 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSTAINING. Abstaining were Peter Barton and John Gannon as they were not yet members of the Board of Abatement and were not present on 10/22/14.

Chair swore in the Board of Abatement and property owner who was present.

The Board heard the following requests for abatement of interest & collection fees:

TRACY PICUT – owner of 189 Old Mill Lane, testified that in February of 2015 her property sustained over \$300,000 in water damage. Her attention was directed to handling this serious property damage matter and she overlooked paying the February property tax installment in time. She requested an abatement of only the interest & collection fees in the amount of \$693.86.

SCHEDULE OF SMALL PROPERTY TAX BALANCES & SMALL SEWER TAX BALANCES – This request was brought by the Treasurer as a matter of financial housekeeping. Copy of schedule attached.

MOTION TO GO INTO DELIBERATIVE SESSION made by Susie Haughwout, seconded by Fred Houston. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR.

BOA exited deliberative session at 5:51pm.

MOTION TO ABATE INTEREST & COLLECTION FEES for property owned by TRACY & RUSSELL PICUT at 189 OLD MILL LANE in the amount of \$693.86 made by Fred Houston, seconded by Christine Richter. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION TO ABATE SMALL BALANCE PROPERTY TAX AMOUNTS & SMALL BALANCE SEWER TAX AMOUNT as presented by the Treasurer made by Rosemarie Blair, seconded by Fred Houston. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR

OTHER BUSINESS: The Clerk asked the Board if they would like to return to the customary schedule of having abatements once a year in May or early June. The Board was favorable.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Marcia Dorey, seconded by Fred Houston.
VOICE VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR - ADJOURNED – 5:59pm

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL ACTION TAKEN AT THE BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING HELD, JUNE 24, 2015.

MINUTES PREPARED ON FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015 & SUBMITTED TO WEBMASTER ON FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015 AT 4:50PM.

ATTEST: _____ DATE: JULY 10, 2015
Susan Joy Haughwout, Wilmington Town Clerk

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