

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015 AT 5:30PM
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 5:30pm on August 25, 2015 in the second floor meeting room of Town Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 13 out of 17 members present. Selectboard – Jake White, Susie Haughwout (also as Town Clerk), Diane Chapman, John Gannon; Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Marcia Dorey, Peter Barton; Listers – Len Chapman, Lynne Matthews, Diane Schipke, Kay Martin Schwader, Jerry Osler; Town Treasurer – Christine Richter.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2015 made by Peter Barton, seconded by Marcia Dorey. VOICE VOTE – 13 IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

Jake White recused himself from the hearing of the property owner's request because his wife is the real estate agent who has the property at 31 Haynes Road listed for sale.

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

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

JENNIFER CROSS – owner of 31 Haynes Road, presented the Board with a letter and photographs of the property. She testified that as part of a divorce settlement she deeded the property to Andy Cook in November 2013 and took back a mortgage. Mr. Cook defaulted and Ms. Cross foreclosed. She took title to the property in January 2015 which was not recorded until after April 1, 2015. Ms. Cross explained that between November 2013 and January 2015 the property was substantially destroyed by the previous owner. She presented pictures showing walls ripped out, plumbing that was cut, fixtures removed, debris left on the inside and outside of the property.

She requested an abatement of only the interest/collection fees/penalties in the amount of \$2085.24.

MOTION TO GO INTO DELIBERATIVE SESSION made by Marcia Dorey, seconded by John Gannon. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

The Board of Abatement exited deliberative session at 5:55pm.

MOTION TO ABATE TAXES/INTEREST/COLLECTION FEES for property owned by JENNIFER CROSS at 31 HAYNES ROAD in the amount of \$2085.24 made by Diane Chapman, seconded by Jerry Osler. VOICE VOTE – 12 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED (McEwen) – MOTION PASSED.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Marcia Dorey, seconded by Diane Chapman.

VOICE VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR - ADJOURNED – 5:58pm

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, AUGUST 25, 2015.

MINUTES PREPARED ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015 & SUBMITTED TO WEBMASTER ON FRIDAY, FRIDAY 28, 2015 AT 110:00AM.



ATTEST: _____ DATE: _____
Susan Joy Haughwout, Wilmington Town Clerk

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