

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018 AT 5:30PM
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 5:30pm on August 22, 2018 in the second floor meeting room of Town Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 15 out of 18 members present. Selectboard – Tom Fitzgerald (also as Justice of the Peace), John Gannon, Vince Rice, Ann Manwaring and Sarah Fisher; Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Tom Consolino, Fred Houston and Scott Moore; Listers – Jerry Osler, Len Chapman, Lynne Matthews, Diane Schipke and Kay Schwader; Town Clerk – Susie Haughwout.

1. No changes to agenda, no public input
2. MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of June 19, 2018 made by Tom Consolino, seconded by John Gannon. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED – SO VOTED.
3. No conflicts of interest were declared. Chair Elizabeth McEwen swore in the Board of Abatement.
4. The Board heard the request for abatement of penalty due to late filing of HS-122 made via letter by Donna Lynn Cipicchio on behalf of her mother and property owner Marlene Gargiulo. Mr. Granville Gargiulo and Mrs. Marlene Gargiulo are the owners of property located at 30 Eagle Drive, Unit 24. Mr. Gargiulo died on February 27, 2018. Mr. Gargiulo had always handled the family financial matters. Mrs. Gargiulo was not aware of the need to file the Homestead Declaration as the couple did not file Vermont Income Taxes due to their low level of income. Donna Lynn Cipicchio began assisting her mother with financial matters after Mr. Gargiulo's death, and became aware of the need to file a Homestead Declaration in July, and duly filed same. However, the filing was late and resulted in a penalty. The letter requested abatement because "Mrs. Gargiulo's recent bereavement and the accompanying period of mourning have created considerable upset in the running of the household due to lack of knowledge of how Mr. Gargiulo managed the family finances."
5. No deliberative session requested. The BOA referred to the VLCT memo regarding abatement of late filing penalty. Mrs. Gargiulo's request was deemed to fall under under 32 VSA §5410(j)(l)(3) as a hardship category "serious illness, disability, or death of an immediate family member of the declarant..."
6. MOTION TO ABATE Homestead Declaration Late Filing Penalty in a total amount of \$108.29 made by Fred Houston, seconded by Tom Consolino. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED – SO VOTED.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by Vince Rice.

VOICE VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR - ADJOURNED – 5:37pm.

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 22, 2018.

MINUTES PREPARED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018 & SUBMITTED TO WEBMASTER ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018 AT 7:25PM.



ATTEST: _____
Susan Joy Haughwout, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2018