

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY, 21, 2020 AT 5:30PM  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 5:35pm on January 21, 2020 in the second floor meeting room of Town Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 13 out of 18 members present. Selectboard – Vince Rice, Tom Fitzgerald (also as JOP) and Sarah Fisher; Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Tom Consolino, Fred Houston, Linda Green, Rhea Clark; Listers – Jerry Osler, Len Chapman and Diane Schipke; Town Treasurer – Christine Richter; Town Clerk – Susie Haughwout.

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 5:35pm by Chair McEwen
2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – change of order, will hear Hodgkins first, then Taglich
3. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
4. MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of June 25, 2019 made by Tom Consolino, seconded by Fred Houston.

VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION TO ADOPT Rules of Procedure made by Tom Consolino, seconded by Rhea Clark.

VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR

5. Recusal (from Hodgkins case) – Len Chapman, who is the general contractor for property owner.
6. Chair Elizabeth McEwen swore in the Board of Abatement, Requestors and Agent.
7. The Board heard a request by phone from Michael & Claudia Ann Taglich, 79 Haskell Hill Road. Mr. Taglich presented a letter from his insurance company stating that a fire on July 26, 2019 rendered the house a total loss. Deb Kingsley sent a breakout of assessed value for the property to the BOA.

The Board heard a request from Robinson & Margaret Hodgkins, owners of 405 Whites Road. Mr. Hodgkins testified that a fire on December 6, 2019 rendered the house severely damaged. His insurance company stated that the structure was a 100% internal gut, and is presently unusable. He and his general contractor, Len Chapman, did not believe the house would be habitable by June 30, 2020. Mr. Hodgkins asked for abatement of taxes against \$500,000 of value on the house. Deb Kingsley sent a breakout of assessed value for the property to the BOA.

8. MOTION to enter Deliberative Session made by Fred Houston, seconded by Tom Consolino.

VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

The Chair brought the Board out of Deliberative Session. The Board determined that Abatement of Taxes upon real or personal property destroyed during the tax year per 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(5) applies to both properties.

MOTION TO ABATE PROPERTY TAXES assessed against a house value of \$500,000, located on 405 Whites Road, owned by Robinson & Margaret Hodgkins, for the period of December 6, 2019 through June 30, 2020 made by Vince Rice, seconded by Linda Green.

VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO ABATE PROPERTY TAXES assessed against the house valued at \$340,000, located on 79 Haskell Hill Road, owned by Michael & Claudia Ann Taglich, for the period of July 26, 2019 through June 30, 2020 made by Fred Houston, seconded by Tom Fitzgerald.

VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

9. OTHER BUSINESS: None
10. MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Tom Consolino, seconded by Susie Haughwout

VOICE VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR - ADJOURNED – 6:07 pm.

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, JANUARY 21, 2020.

MINUTES PREPARED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 & SUBMITTED TO WEBMASTER ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020 AT 4:40PM.



ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Joy Haughwout, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2020

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE INDICATION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING HELD, JANUARY 21, 2020.

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