

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE, 24, 2020 AT 5:30PM
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 5:30pm on June 24, 2020, via a remote meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 14 out of 18 members present. Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Fred Houston, Linda Green, Rhea Clark; Board of Listers – Diane Schipke, Jerry Osler, Len Chapman, Lynne Matthews; Selectboard – John Gannon, Sarah Fisher, Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice (joined at 6:30pm and given oath); Town Treasurer – Christine Richter; Town Clerk –Therese Lounsbury

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 5:36pm
2. ELECTION OF CHAIR – Christine Richter nominated Elizabeth McEwen as Chair, seconded by Diane Schipke. There were no other nominations. Nominations closed. Elect Elizabeth McEwen as Chair.
VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR.
3. CHANGES TO AGENDA – Order of requestors will change to hear Osler last. Add the approval of the minutes from January 21, 2020.
4. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
5. MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of January 21, 2020, made by Fred Houston, seconded by Christine Richter. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR
6. Conflicts of interest were declared for the hearing of Jerry & Sheila Osler by Sara Fisher, Len Chapman, Diane Schipke, and Lynne Matthews. Chair Elizabeth McEwen swore in the Board of Abatement, Requestors, and Agents.
7. The Board heard a request of Nancy Holland for abatement of late fees by written material, and Therese Lounsbury read an additional email sent.

The Board heard a request by John Langran for abatement of late penalties by written material.

The Board heard a request by Elaine Bataille for abatement of late penalties by written material, and the Abatement Hearing Request form.

The Board heard a request by Josh Lane for abatement of penalties and interest by written material.

The Board heard a request by Tim McCann for abatement of late fees by written material.

The Board heard a request by Kimberly Maurer for abatement of taxes and penalties by written material, the Abatement Hearing Request form, and Income & Expense Sheet. Kimberly joined the meeting via Zoom.

The Board heard a request by Shelley Sousa for abatement of fines and penalties by the Abatement Hearing Request form, and Income & Expense Sheet.

The Board heard a request by Jerry & Sheila Osler for abatement of delinquent sewer tax by written material, the Abatement Hearing Request form, and Income & Expense Sheet. Jerry & Sheila joined the meeting via Zoom.
8. The Board entered a Deliberative Session at 6:15pm. Returned to regular session at 6:55pm.

9. MOTION TO DENY the request of Jerry & Sheila Osler for abatement of delinquent sewer tax made by Fred Houston, seconded by Christine Richter.

VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – 5 ABSTENTIONS - MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO DENY the request of Nancy Holland for abatement of late fees made by Fred Houston, seconded by Linda Green. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO DENY the request of John Langran for abatement of late penalties made by Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by Fred Houston. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO DENY the request of Elaine Bataille for abatement of late penalties made by Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by Rhea Clark. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO ABATE PENALTIES & INTEREST assessed against Josh Lane per administration error made by Vince Rice, seconded by Sarah Fisher. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO DENY the request of Tim McCann for abatement of late fees made by Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by Rhea Clark. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO DENY the request of Kimberly Maurer for abatement of taxes and penalties made by Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by John Gannon. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

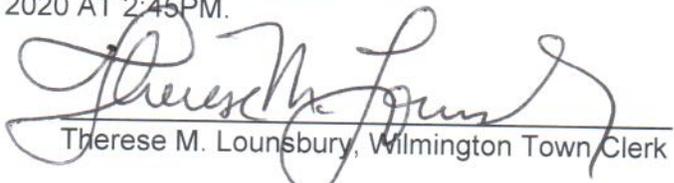
MOTION TO DENY the request of Shelley Sousa for abatement of fines and penalties made by Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by Fred Houston. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

OTHER BUSINESS: Town Clerk, Therese Lounsbury, reminded the Justices to return their paperwork for consideration on the ballot in November. She also shared that there was one vacant seat for the Justices of the Peace, as Doug Wheeler resigned in February.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Sarah Fisher, seconded by Rhea Clark.
VOICE VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR - ADJOURNED – 7:21pm.

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, 2020.

MINUTES PREPARED ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020, AND SUBMITTED TO WEBMASTER ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 AT 2:45PM.

ATTEST: 
Therese M. Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: JUNE 30, 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, JUNE 24, 2020.

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