

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 27, 2017 AT 5:30PM  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 5:36pm on November 27, 2017 in the second floor meeting room of Town Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 14 out of 18 members present. Selectboard – Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Vince Rice and Sarah Fisher; Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Marcia Dorey and Fred Houston; Listers – Jerry Osler, Len Chapman, Lynne Matthews, Diane Schipke and Kay Schwader; Town Treasurer – Christine Richter; Town Clerk – Susie Haughwout.

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 5:36pm by Clerk
2. NO CHANGES TO AGENDA
3. ELECTION OF CHAIR – Fred Houston 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.
4. NO PUBLIC COMMENT
5. MOTION TO APPROVE Minutes of December 7, 2016 made by Susie Haughwout, seconded by John Gannon. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR
6. NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
7. Chair Elizabeth McEwen swore in the Board of Abatement and Property Owner Bettina Krampetz.
8. The Board heard the following requests for abatement of taxes:

**BETTINA KRAMPETZ – owner of 23 South Main Street, Tax ID#02022018.000**

Mrs. Krampetz submitted a letter from VITA Site Coordinator, Sue Sherlock. The letter stated that Bettina Krampetz was at VITA on March 8, 2017 to have her taxes prepared. VITA submitted her taxes. Mrs. Krampetz stated that after receiving her property tax bill in July she realized something was wrong and consulted Treasurer Christine Richter. It was determined that her HS-122 had not been received by the State of Vermont. She went back to VITA and her taxes were resubmitted on July 18. Ms. Sherlock states that she does not know why the original submission was not received, but it was no fault of the taxpayer who was at VITA on time and thought that her taxes were properly completed. Mrs. Krampetz asked for an abatement of the late filing penalty.

**TREASURER’S REQUEST – HSHIGHPE.000 and HSDEERHI.073**

Treasurer Christine Richter reported to the Board that the above two properties were double-billed in error and requested that the second billed amounts on each be abated in full including penalty and interest so that they can be properly deleted from the accounting system. HSHIGHPE.000 in the amount of \$12.74, and HSDEERHI.073 in the amount of \$1,534.39.

9. MOTION TO GO INTO DELIBERATIVE SESSION made by Marcia Dorey, seconded by Diane Schipke. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED. Entered 5:50pm.

The Board of Abatement exited deliberative session at 6:03pm.

MOTION TO ABATE LATE FILING PENALTY under 32 VSA §5410(j) for property owned by BETTINA KRAMPETZ located at 23 South Main Street, TaxID#02022018.000 made by Fred Houston, seconded by John Gannon. VOICE VOTE – ALL IN FAVOR – MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO ABATE TAXES, PENALTY & INTEREST under 24 VSA §1535(a)(4) for HSHIGHPE.000 (\$12.74) and HSDEERHI.000 (\$1,534.39) made by John Gannon, seconded by Susie Haughwout.

OTHER BUSINESS: Clerk discussed the approving and signing of the minutes from previous year with Board. Also discussed timing of Board of Abatement meetings. It was agreed that there should be a regular annual meeting set around the first week of June each year. There may be occasion to call other meetings prior to June if need arises. Clerk will draft a suggested policy for the Board to review in June 2018.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Len Chapman, seconded by Jerry Osler.

VOICE VOTE - ALL IN FAVOR - ADJOURNED – 6:10pm.

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, NOVEMBER 27, 2017.

MINUTES PREPARED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017 & SUBMITTED TO WEBMASTER ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017 AT 1:53PM.



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

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2017