

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 AT 5:30PM
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 5:30pm on May 26, 2021 via a remote meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 13 out of 18 members present. Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Fred Houston, Linda Green, Rhea Clark, Patti Long; Board of Listers – Diane Schipke, Jerry Osler, Len Chapman; Selectboard – John Gannon, Tom Fitzgerald, Tony Tribuno; Town Treasurer – Christine Richter; Town Clerk –Therese Lounsbury. (Sarah Fisher unable to connect via thunderstorms)
Also in attendance: Deb Kingsley, Karen Glick.

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 5:36pm by Town Clerk Therese Lounsbury to then request nominations for the chair of the board. Motion to nominate Elizabeth McEwen made by Fred Houston, seconded by Rhea. No other nominations. Motion carried.

2. MEETING PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS – Elizabeth explained the steps and expectations of the hearing.

3. CHANGES TO AGENDA – Therese asked to add discussion of potential Justice of the Peace.

4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – the board members were asked to express any conflicts of interest for the slate of requestors. No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. SWEARING IN – the applicants and witnesses were sworn in.

6. HEARING SCHEDULE

6a. The Board heard a request by Karen Glick for 54 Snow Shoe Road, Parcel ID 00CHM335.000. The Glicks recognized a tax increase but did not explore the implications until their mortgage company was in contact about increasing the amount in escrow for taxes. Upon reviewing the property card, it was found that the square footage of their home was more than doubled. Deb Kingsley, Listers Office, explained that they found that the wrong diagram was used for the home. The assessed value should be \$154,520.

6b. The Board heard a request by Christine Richter, Finance Officer for the Town of Wilmington, to clean up the small amounts that get left over on invoices when checks and invoices cross in the mail, etc. There is a total of 17 accounts listed which amounts to \$21.15.

6c. The Board was slated to possibly hear a request for 74 Pond Loop. The request just arrived this morning and it was determined that the greater relief for the house fire would fall in the next tax year. The board would not be able to assess the tax situation and would have to wait for the new tax bill to have an amount to consider for abatement. This item was tabled until August or September.

7. The Board entered into deliberative session (Motion by Fred/Christine) at 5:58pm. Returned to regular session at 6:00pm.

8. MOTION TO ABATE the tax assessment of Daniel and Karen Glick from \$9,807.16 to \$3,742. Motion made by Fred Houston, seconded by Jerry Osler. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ABATE the small tax amounts on the Treasurer's Report, with additions, for a total of \$21.15. Motion made by Fred Houston, seconded by Rhea Clark. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Therese presented a Justice of the Peace candidate for recommendation to the governor to replace the seat left vacant by Tom Consolino's resignation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Fred Houston, seconded by Tony Tribuno. Adjourned at 6:07pm.

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, MAY 26, 2021.

ATTEST: _____
 Therese M. Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: MAY 26, 2021

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