

**WILMINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024, AT 4:00PM  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Wilmington Board of Abatement convened at 4:00pm on January 17, 2024, in the Town Hall and via a remote meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 10 members present. Justices of the Peace – Bonnie Lorimer, John Lebron; Assessor – Russ Beaudoin (joined after Chair voting); Selectboard – Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno, Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon; Town Clerk –Therese Lounsbury; Finance Officer – Christine Richter.

Also in attendance: Yvonne Aldrich and Kevin Aldrich.

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 4:00pm by Clerk Therese Lounsbury, who sought nominations for Chair of the Board. Sarah Fisher was nominated by Tom Fitzgerald, seconded by Vince Rice. John Gannon was nominated by Sarah Fisher, seconded by Tony Tribuno. Hearing no others, nominations were closed. By a vote of 5 to 4, John Gannon was confirmed as the winner. John took over the running of the hearing.

2. The Chair opened the hearing for Yvonne & Kevin Aldrich, 290 Ray Hill Rd, Parcel ID 00601023.100 and had the applicants take the oath. The Board was asked to disclose any conflicts of interest and/or ex parte communication and none were revealed. The applicants said that they did receive the Wilmington Board of Abatement Rules of Procedure and there were no questions.

**HEARING SCHEDULE:**

2a. The Board heard the request of Yvonne & Kevin Aldrich for a house fire that happened on October 25, 2023, at 290 Ray Hill Road, SPAN 762-242-12038. The house is inhabitable as power and heating fuel have all been removed from the property. A portion of the house was lost to the fire, and the applicants expect to level the house and place a new structure on a cement slab. Loss was over \$100,000.

3. The Board entered deliberative session at 4:08pm. Returned to regular session at 4:19pm.

8. MOTION TO ABATE the taxes upon house value prorated from the date of the fire on October 25, 2023. Motion made by Tony Tribuno, seconded by Christine Richter. Motion carried. Christine will share the appropriate adjustment amount with the Town Clerk for the Board of Abatement Notice of Decision.

The Board reviewed the Wilmington Board of Abatement Rules of Procedure for Tax Abatement Hearings for necessary changes. Motion was made to replace the references for the Board of Listers with the Assessor and approve the Rules of Procedure for January 17, 2024. Motion made by Vince Rice, seconded by Tony Tribuno. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Christine Richter, seconded by Vince Rice. Adjourned at 4:23pm.

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 17, 2024.

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Therese M. Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk

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