

BOARD OF ABATEMENT HEARING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 at 6:00 PM

Those attending were Fred Ducharme, Mike Hogan, Cedric Alexander, Caleb Pitkin, Ruth Goodrich, Jeanne Johnson, Susan Carpenter, Judy Pransky, Carla Payne, and Betty Ritter

1. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order by Betty Ritter at 6:02 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – Mike moved that we accept the agenda as printed with a second by Fred. Betty did have two more items to add. Betty stated that we did need to hear one more abatement hearing that was not warned for this meeting. We will schedule this for Tuesday, October 8 at 5:00 p.m. We also need to elect a chairman for the year. A motion was made by Fred and seconded to Mike to accept the agenda with the additions.
3. Elect a Chair – The floor was open to elect a chair for the calendar year. A motion was made by Caleb to nominate Mike Hogan with a second by Cedric. Another motion was made by Fred to nominate Sue with a second by Judy. Sue declined the motion at this time. The motion carried to have Mike as chair.
4. Public Comment – there was no public comment.
5. Hear Abatements – At this time we heard the abatements and asked questions on each one.
 - a. The first one was for an abatement for a penalty due to the Homestead HS-122 was not filed by April 15 by the accountant. This was explained that regardless of receiving an extension the Homestead exemption must be filed by April 15.
 - b. The next one was asking to have the penalties and interest removed from the six month tax bill as he never received the tax bill. The bill was never returned to the Town Clerk's office.
 - c. The last one was a discrepancy in the amount of acreage on the 2018 tax bill. This was corrected on the 2019-2020 tax bill, but was not on the 2018 tax bill.
6. Deliberative Session – at this time we went into Deliberative Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss and vote on the three issues that we had presented to us. Mike, Betty and Jeanne will work together on the letters to be sent to each person. Prior to them being sent, we will send to all of the members of the Board of Abatement.
7. Adjourn – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Judy. Motion carried. We adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Cabot Town Clerk/Treasurer