

BOARD FOR THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES
October 15, 2015

The Board for the Abatement of Taxes was called to order on October 15, at 6:00 P. M., in the Selectboard Meeting Room of the Municipal Center by Town Clerk Annette Cappy. Members present included Justices of the Peace: Jane Buckingham, Diane Cooke, Elliott Greenblott, Mary Ann Holt, Don Long, Lee Madden, Sharry Manning, Robert Oeser, Gail Speno, Ben Underhill, and Veronica Wheelock; Listers Marshall Wheelock and Eric Annis; Town Treasurer John O'Connor and Town Clerk Annette Cappy. Also present: Gwen Trumbull, Emilie Kornheiser, Valerie Walden, and Anthony Odrechowski; Town Assessor Russell Rice.

With 14 members in attendance and a quorum achieved, the meeting proceeded.

Nominations for Chair of the Abatement Board were opened by Clerk Annette Cappy. Elliott Greenblott was nominated as Chair of the Board. There being no other nominations, Mr. Greenblott was elected Chair.

Oaths were administered to all members and appellants.

The Chair outlined the procedures of the meeting.

ABT 15-04, Camp Waubanong Inc, 83 Waubanong Road; Non Profit Children's Summer Camp & 102.5 acres. Emilie Kornheiser and Gwen Trumbull were present to address the meeting. They stated that the camp had fallen onto hard times; so much so that it did not open this year. However, they were in the process of partnering with Peak Expeditions/Vermont Wilderness School. Ownership of the property will remain as is but the ownership of the camp will change. They were confident that once the partnership occurs the new entity will be maintaining the taxes and the camp will be financially sound once again. The property was scheduled for tax sale on October 28. In 2012 representative town meeting granted a tax exemption to the camp for the municipal portion of property taxes. Currently the camp was being taxed on the school portion only.

It was the decision of the Board For The Abatement of Taxes to grant the request for abatement by granting (including interest and penalties and legal fees) the school tax for tax year 2014 in the amount of \$3,048,59, based on 24 V.S.A., §1535 (a)(3) When a taxpayer is unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees.

Abatement payment will be in the form of a credit toward taxes due.

ABT 15-01 Anthony Odrechowski and Valerie Walden, 805 Western Avenue, Dwelling/Barn & .65 acres. This property was substantially damaged by flood waters during Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011. An abatement was granted for the remainder of 2011. The assessment of the property remained unchanged (\$249,120) for 2012 and 2013 but was lowered to \$140,800 for 2014 and 2015.

It is the decision of the Board For The Abatement of Taxes to grant the request for abatement by granting all (including interest and penalties) of the total municipal and school tax for tax years 2012 and 2013 for the difference in assessment, based on 24 V.S.A., §1535 (a)(4) When there has been manifest error or a mistake of the listers.

Abatement payment will be in the form of a refund check, as taxes have been paid by the lending institute that carries the mortgage. Taxes are current.

ABT 15-05 Town of Brattleboro Requests – See attached requests.

It was the decision of the Board For The Abatement of Taxes to grant the request for abatement by granting all (including interest and penalties) of the total municipal and school tax, based on 24 V.S.A., §1535 (a)(2) When a taxpayer has moved out of the state.

ABT 15-02, ABT 15-03 - Withdrawn

There being no further requests for abatement of taxes and no additional business for the evening, the Board for the Abatement of Taxes adjourned at 7:55 P. M.

Attest:



Town Clerk and Clerk, Board of Abatement

Abatement Request October 15, 2015

Parcel Id	Business Name	Location	2007 Tax Year	2008 Tax Year	2009 Tax Year	2010 Tax Year	2011 Tax Year	2012 Tax Year	2013 Tax Year	2014 Tax Year	2015 Tax Year	Total Abatement	Reason
Business Personal Property:													
PP501828.000	Cantwell C E & Associates Inc.	Chickering Drive 0036	\$201.57	\$295.14	\$371.48	\$347.32	\$414.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,629.53	Out of Business
PP502799.000	Cue Bar The	Putney Road 0747	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.50	Out of Business
PP502238.000	Lifblood Tattoo	Main Street 0051	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$222.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$222.62	Out of Business
PP501753.000	Monahan William	Browne Court 0022 Unit 109	\$0.00	\$88.29	\$198.64	\$185.04	\$172.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$644.13	Out of Business
PP500674.000	Soundesign Recording Studio	Main Street 0183	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.90	Out of Business
												\$2,977.68	

Mobile Homes:													
MH061059.P05	Shepard Robert & Carole Estate of	Record Drive 0005	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132.84	\$330.30	\$463.14	Moved & stored to be demolished
MH060159.P04	McMasters Jason M	Stonewall Drive 0004	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$788.72	\$788.72	Moved & stored to be demolished
												\$1,251.86	

Total Abatement: \$4,229.54