

Board of Abatement

September 14, 2016 6:00 pm

Attendance: The meeting was called to order by acting chair Don McLean, at 6:00 pm, members present were: Penny Marine, Fred Humphrey, Amanda Franklin, Doug Hunt, Gabrielle Ciuffreda, Lisa Barry, Betsy Bates, Don McLean, Sara Coffey, Lori Nelson, Gordon Little, Shaun Murphy and Andrew Cotton.

Discussion: Abatement Hearing Request: parcel 761.1 - 111 Johnson Pasture RD, 648.4 - 33 Great Blue Heron DR, and 336.1 - 24 Church DR Guilford, VT.

In response to Mr. Moos's request whom was present for abatement at the property 760 Abijah Prince RD. Lisa Barry has said it appears Mr. Moos is grieving the assessed value of the property at 760 Abijah Prince Road, this is not a qualified reason for an abatement of a tax bill. After the original request for abatement was filed there has since been a fire at the property on 8/26/2016. The Listers have visited the site and all of the improvements were considered to have no market value.

The Listers recommend that the taxes be prorated at the original assessment until the date of 8/25/2016. The suggested value of the property would be \$162,350, this would be a reduction of \$34,570. Total tax bill \$5,204.01 from July 1 through August 25th equals 56 days. Total tax bill $\$5,204.01 / 365 = \14.2576 per day or \$798.43 for 56 days. Adjusted tax bill $\$162,350 \times .026427 = \$4,290.4235 / 365 = \$11.7546 \times 309 \text{ days} = \$3,632.17$. The total proposed tax bill adjustment $\$3,632.17 + \$798.43 = \mathbf{\$4,430.60}$ this would be a reduction of \$773.41. Sara Coffey has made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Listers and Amanda Franklin has seconded. Motion was accepted.

Richard Holden and Stephanie Case wish to be granted an abatement for the value of the buildings on their property located at 33 Great Blue Heron Drive for the tax year that commenced July 1, 2016 due to early morning hours of July 27, 2016 a propane explosion completely destroyed the dwelling, house foundation and damage to the adjacent carport.

The Listers recommend that the taxes be prorated at the original assessment until the date of 7/26/2016. At which point the suggested value of the property would be \$60,000. This would be a reduction of \$136,160. Total tax bill $\$5,183.92 / 365 = \14.2025 per day or \$369.27 for the 26 days. Adjusted tax bill $\$60,000 \times .026427 \text{ (tax rate)} = \$1,585.62 / 365 = \$4.3442 \times 339 \text{ days} = \$1,472.68$. Total proposed tax bill adjustment $\$1,475.22 + \$369.20 = \mathbf{\$1,844.49}$ this would be a reduction of \$3,339.43.

Due to the demolition and removal of the double mobile home structure on the church property, completed 9/13/2016, GCC would like to request an abatement of their property taxes on said structure for the remainder of this year.

The Listers recommend that the taxes be prorated at the original assessment until the date of 9/12/2016. At which point the suggested value of the property would be \$0 (property would be considered exempt as utility would be sole for the church at this point). This would be a reduction of \$22,940. Total tax bill $\$569.37 / 365 = \1.5599 per day or \$113.87 for the 73 days. Total proposed tax bill adjustment $\mathbf{\$113.87}$, this would be a reduction of \$455.50.

Sara Coffey would like to make the motion to accept the Listers recommendations for the Holden/Case and Church property. Amanda Franklin seconded. Motion was accepted.

Amanda Franklin has made a motion to adjourn and Betsy Bates has seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

Penny Marine, Town Clerk