

Town of Concord

Board of Abatement

Hearing Date: May 19, 2016



Members Present

Chris Fournier	Harold Lunnie
Audra Girouard	George Morehouse
Arlene Hovey	Don Nuzzolo
Bill Humphrey	Michael Sorrell

Appellants/Representatives Present

none

Members of the Public Present

Cynthia Gaboriault, Asst TC

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Audra Girouard, Clerk. Oaths having been administered, the first order of business was approval of the agenda. A. Girouard informed the board that she had received a phone call from a representative of Cynthia Pinheiro requesting her hearing be postponed so that they could gather more financial information. C. Fournier made the motion to accept the agenda with the removal of the Pinheiro hearing. The motion was seconded by G. Morehouse. Motion passed 8-0-0.

The second order of business was to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the year. A. Hovey made the motion to appoint Chris Fournier as Chair; M. Sorrell seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0. C. Fournier made a motion to appoint Mike Sorrell as Vice-Chair; A. Hovey seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0. The meeting was turned over to the Chair.

Request #1: Demers, Paul & Susan, Parcel # 00469, 211 West Main St

Chairman C. Fournier asked the board if anyone had any conflicts with the case to be heard. Hearing none, and having no one appear on behalf of Paul and Demers, A. Girouard reviewed the case per their Request Form. The barn located at 211 West Main Street was destroyed by fire on March 3, 2016. According to the Listers card for the property, the building was valued at \$166,400 for the 2015 tax year, which runs July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. A. Girouard calculated the taxes on the barn for the 120 days from March 3 – June 30 as \$1,143.62. In accordance with Vermont Statute 24 §1535 (5) *taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year*; G. Morehouse made a motion to abate taxes for a furniture barn owned by Paul and Susan Demers in the amount of \$1,143.62; B. Humphrey seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0.

Request #2: Descoteaux, John & Brittany, Parcel # 00602, 68 Eastern Avenue

Chairman C. Fournier asked the board if anyone had any conflicts with the case to be heard. Hearing none, and having no one appear on behalf of John and Brittany Descoteaux, A. Girouard reviewed the case per their Request Form. The property was in the name of Vermont Housing Finance Agency as of April 1, 2015, and the 2015 tax bill was issued in the name of VHFA. John and Brittany Descoteaux purchased the property from VHFA in 2015. According to Vermont State Statute 10 §641(c) *No real property owned by the agency on April 1 of any year shall be assessed for taxes by any municipality*. Therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Descoteaux are requesting an abatement of the total 2015 taxes under the premise of a manifest error or a mistake of the listers.

No payments have been made for this parcel for the 2015 tax year. The total due, including penalties and interest, as of the date of the hearing was \$2,631.60. H. Lunnie made a motion to abate taxes for property now owned by John and Brittany Descoteaux in the amount of \$2,631.60 due to a manifest error of the listers; A. Hovey seconded. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Having no further business to come before the board, the board adjourned on a motion by A. Girouard, seconded by M. Sorrell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audra J. Q. Girouard

Audra J. Q. Girouard, Clerk

5-26-16

Date

CF

Chris Fournier, Chair

5/26/2016

Date