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BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned to meet at the Water and Light Dept. Conference Room, located at 857 Elmore Street in said town, met on Thursday, the 16th of November, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Favreau at 6:02 P.M.

Members present: Theresa Breault, Dawn Andrews, Siri Rooney, Margaret Demars, Paul Griswold, Ken Campbell, David Yacovone, Brian Kellogg, Steve Bousquet, Thomas Hirschak, Francis Favreau, Edward Wilson and Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk.

Listers present: Charles McArthur, Tom Williams and Larry Hale.

Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A., Section 1535, to consider abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed for the preceding or current fiscal year:

Copley Manor, Inc – ID # 24019-01: Edward French, Attorney and Lynn Smith, Administrator attended the hearing at 6:15 pm. on behalf of The Manor, Inc. (F.K.A. Copley Manor). Clerk Wilson read aloud their letter dated 08/25/06, requesting abatement of taxes for the 2006-2007 tax year because The Manor Inc. does not have the funds to pay the property taxes. Mr. French presented a fact sheet outlining finances for the fiscal year ending 09/30/06, and presenting a plan for the future to regain financial stability. After suitable time for discussion, the board upon motion by Thomas Hirschak with a second by Peg Demars voted to enter into deliberative session at 7:12 P.M. David Yacovone recused himself and left the meeting. Upon motion by Steve Bousquet with a second by Peg Demars, the board exited deliberative session at 7:30 P.M. Motion made by Theresa Breault with a second by Peg Demars to abate the 2006-2007 property taxes for The Manor, Inc. as requested, under criteria #3 - "inability to pay". Upon vote, the motion was denied unanimously.

Citicorp Vendor Finance, Inc. – ID # 90050: Lister McArthur explained that Citicorp did not file an inventory listing for 2006 as required. The 2005 value of \$46,900 was maintained in the Grand List, and tax bills were issued. Citicorp then sent an amended inventory with a value of \$7,971, noting that "due to system errors which affected our original business personal property filing" the original inventory was incorrect. However, the amended return was not officially signed or dated as required. Citicorp mailed payment for FY07 taxes based on the amended return, leaving a balance due of \$256.97. Dawn Andrews moved to abate \$256.97 based on criteria #4 – manifest error. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Upon vote, the motion failed and abatement was denied.

Marlin Leasing – ID # 90320: Lister McArthur explained that this corporation had changed its management to Burr Wolff. Change was made to the 2006 Grand List to incorporate the account for Burr Wolff, but the account for Marlin Leasing was not removed. Rather than issuing one tax bill, separate tax bills were issued for each corporation. Upon motion by Brian Kellogg, with a second by Dave Yacovone, the board voted affirmatively to abate \$151.16 for account #90320 – Marlin Leasing, to correct the tax reconciliation. No credits or refunds are due.

Out and About – ID # 21004: On June 5, 2006, the Morristown Listers concurred that Out and About is exempt from real estate taxes. However, the assessment was never removed from the 2006 Grand List, and a tax bill was calculated. Upon motion by Dave Yacovone with a second by Peg Demars, the board voted unanimously to abate \$3,864.74 to correct the tax reconciliation. No credits or refunds are due.

Joyce Ward and Carol Goodell – ID # 21199: On November 11, 2006, this property – also known as the “Alexander Property”, was sold to the Town of Morristown. At the closing, taxes in the amount of \$310.89 were prorated, and the tax liability for Ward and Goodell was credited to the selling price. The balance of \$568.91 is the tax liability for the Town, but the town is tax exempt. Upon motion by Dawn Andrews with a second by Theresa Breault, the board voted unanimously to abate \$568.91. No credits or refunds are due.

Town Treasurer Wilson requested abatement for small amounts due on miscellaneous accounts to correct the tax reconciliation:

Principal	\$ 19.00
Interest	.03
<u>Penalty</u>	<u>1.52</u>
Total	\$ 20.55

Upon motion by Dave Yacovone with a second by Peg Demars, the board voted affirmatively to abate \$20.55. No credits or refunds are due.

New Business:

Upon motion by Dave Yacovone, with a second by Dawn Andrews, the board voted affirmatively to accept the Town Clerk’s most recent additions to and deletions from the voter checklist; and to authorize the Clerk to complete the biennial purge of the checklist by removing all persons who were sent challenge letters and did not respond and those who did not vote in the General Elections of 2004 and 2006 according to 17 V.S.A. § 2150(d)(3).

Oaths of Allegiance for returning Justices of the Peace were signed and returned to the Clerk.

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M. upon motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk
Board of Civil Authority
Town of Morristown