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BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING of October 25, 2021

The Board of Abatement of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned, met in the Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

BOA Members present:

Justice of the Peace: Brent Paine, Darcie Abbene (zoom), Donald Blake, Ed Wilson, Monte Mason, Shap Smith, Shelley Nolan, Siri Rooney (zoom) and Urban Martin

Selectboard: Bob Beeman (zoom), Judy Bickford, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan and Jessica Graham

Listers: Charles Burnham, Duane Sprague and Brian Yeaton

Clerk: Sara Haskins

Appellants & Guests: Dan Demars, Graham Mink

- Ed Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
- *Upon motion by Shap Smith and seconded by Donnie Blake the minutes of the June 29, 2021 meeting were approved (15/0).*
- Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, to consider abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.
 - **Demars Properties LLC – 1303 Elmore Rd (08007)**
Ed Wilson opened the hearing stating the name of the appellant, property location, parcel ID# and administered the oath to the appellant Dan Demars. Ed Wilson asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to disclose. A written abatement request form and narrative were presented asking for abatement of taxes for the 2020-21 tax year due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year (#5). Dan Demars shared testimony on behalf of Demars Properties LLC that there were three buildings on the tax bill. The building at 1303 Elmore Street burned on May 27, 2021. They are in the process of rebuilding but it will take roughly a year to be finished. They are requested abatement of \$541.10 for both the municipal and education taxes for the building at 1303 Elmore Street from the date of the fire on May 27 through June 30, 2021 for the tax year 2020-2021 and \$6,198.62 for the full 2021-2022 tax year.

- **AHL Investments LLC- 456 Jersey Heights (now 21 Gordon Lane) (23040)**
Ed Wilson opened the hearing stating the name of the appellant, property location, parcel ID# and administered the oath to the appellant Graham Mink. Ed Wilson asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to disclose. A written abatement request form and narrative were presented asking for abatement of taxes for the 2021-2022 tax year due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year (#5). Graham Mink gave testimony on behalf of AHL Investments. The duplex and the garage that were on this property when it was assessed on April 1, 2021 were torn down in May 2021 and are no longer there. He is requesting an abatement of \$3,951.74 for both the municipal and education taxes on the buildings only for this property for the 2021-2022 tax year.
- **243 Bridge LLC- 233 Bridge St (21060)**
Ed Wilson opened the hearing stating the name of the appellant, property location, parcel ID# and administered the oath to the appellant Graham Mink. Ed Wilson asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to disclose. A written abatement request form and narrative were presented asking for abatement of taxes for the 2021-2022 tax year due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year (#5). Graham Mink gave testimony on behalf of 243 Bridge St LLC. The three unit building that was on this property when it was assessed on April 1, 2021 was torn down in May 2021 and is no longer there. He is requesting an abatement of \$2,961.14 for both the municipal and education taxes on the building only for this property for the 2021-2022 tax year.
- **243 Bridge LLC- 253 Bridge St (21060)**
Ed Wilson opened the hearing stating the name of the appellant, property location, parcel ID# and administered the oath to the appellant Graham Mink. Ed Wilson asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to disclose. A written abatement request form and narrative were presented asking for abatement of taxes for the 2021-2022 tax year due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year (#5). Graham Mink gave testimony on behalf of 243 Bridge St LLC. The pink trailer that was on this property when it was assessed on April 1, 2021 was torn down in May 2021 and is no longer there. He is requesting an abatement of \$130.48 for both the municipal and education taxes on the building only for this property for the 2021-2022 tax year.
- Sara Haskins presented a list of 1 account with small balances due of \$10.00 or less due to payments crossing in the mail and checks written for wrong amounts for a total amount abated of \$2.41 for the time period of June 30 - October 22, 2021. ***Shap Smith made a motion to accept the list of small abated amounts as presented. Gary Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).***

Shap Smith made a motion to go into deliberative session. Gary Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).

Shap Smith made a motion to approve the abatement of both municipal and education taxes for Demars Properties LLC Parcel ID# 08007 property at 1303 Elmore Rd for a total of \$541.10 for tax year 2020-2021 due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535(a)(5). Brian Kellogg seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).

Shap Smith made a motion to approve the abatement of both municipal and education taxes for Demars Properties LLC Parcel ID# 08007 property at 1303 Elmore Rd for a total of \$6,198.62 for tax year 2021-2022 due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535(a)(5). Urban Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).

Shap Smith made a motion to approve the abatement of both municipal and education taxes for 243 Bridge LLC Parcel ID# 21060 property at 233 Bridge St for a total of \$2,961.14 for tax year 2021-2022 due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535(a)(5). Gary Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).

Gary Nolan made a motion to approve the abatement of both municipal and education taxes for 243 Bridge LLC Parcel ID# 21060 property at 253 Bridge St for a total of \$130.48 for tax year 2021-2022 due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535(a)(5). Judy Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).

Gary Nolan made a motion to approve the abatement of both municipal and education taxes for AHL Investments LLC Parcel ID# 23040 property at 21 Gordon Lane for a total of \$3,951.74 for tax year 2021-2022 due to taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535(a)(5). Bob Beeman seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).

Shap Smith made a motion to come out of deliberative session. Judy Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed (15/0).

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM upon motion by Shap Smith and seconded by Gary Nolan.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 26th day of October 2021
Sara Haskins, Clerk- Board of Abatement

Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next BOA meeting.