

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
18 LOWER MAIN STREET
MORRISVILLE, VERMONT 05661-0748

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown met at the Conference Room of the Water and Light Building, 857 Elmore Street in said town on Tuesday, the 20th day of June 2006, at 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Dawn Andrews, Theresa Breault, Kenneth Campbell, Margaret Demars, Francis Favreau, Paul Griswold, Thomas Hirschak, Siri Rooney, Shap Smith, Edward Wilson, Stephen Bousquet, Todd Yando and Mary Ann Wilson.

Listers present: Charles McArthur, Thomas Williams and Larry Hale

1. Chairman Francis Favreau opened the meeting at 5:33 PM.
2. On a motion by Peg Demars with a second by Theresa Breault, the B.C.A. approved the minutes of the 05/19/05 meeting.
3. Abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed - Title 24 V.S.A § 1535

- A. 1385159 Ontario, Inc. Parcel ID #07075.07 Neither of the appellants was present for the hearing. Clerk Wilson read the letter from Donna and Ian Davies requesting abatement of \$1,187.37 for an overstatement from 1996 to 2006 by the Listers' Office of 1.05 acre on their property located at 407 Farm Hill Road. Charles McArthur spoke for the town Listers' Office. In February 2006, upon learning that there was a discrepancy, the Listers corrected the assessment for future years. McArthur further stated that documents on file for the Davis property show that they responded to a notice of grievance in 2000. At that time there was not a request to correct the total acreage. For other reasons, the property assessment was reduced from \$47,200 to \$42,000. McArthur explained the assessment schedule of land values to the board and disputed the Davis's calculation of taxes to be abated. Paul Griswold moved to abate under criteria #4, the FY06 taxes for 1.05 acre at a figure to be determined by the listers and credited to FY07 property taxes. No interest will be refunded or credited. Motion seconded by Peg Demars, voted and carried. (Footnote: Listers calculation of value for this particular 1.05 acre is \$15,800.00. Municipal and Education taxes assessed for FY06 on this 1.05 acre amount to \$369.18. That amount will be credited toward the FY07 tax bill.)
- B. First New England Dental. Parcel ID #90117. The company filed for bankruptcy in June of 1998. The last payment was received from the bankruptcy trustee in August 2001. Town attorney Richard Sargent confirmed that no other payments will be forthcoming. Upon motion by Thomas Hirschak with a second by Peg Demars, the board voted affirmatively to abate the remaining property taxes of FY98 in the amount of \$435.58 under criteria #2.
- C. Charlene Fletcher. Parcel ID #70014. This mobile home has been abandoned by the owner and the mobile home park has set it off the lot to be removed. There is no value to it, and the owner has removed from the state. On a motion by Peg Demars with a second by Theresa Breault, the board voted affirmatively to abate property taxes from FY05 in the amount of \$131.24 under criteria #2.
- D. Clifford Cole Jr. Parcel ID #21200. Property sold to the Town of Morristown April 22, 2005. Taxes should not have been calculated on the property. On a motion by Dawn Andrews with a second by Peg Demars, the board voted affirmatively to abate property taxes from FY06 in the amount of \$775.17 under criteria #4.
- E. Phil's Aircraft Service. Parcel ID #90163. Upon motion by Dawn Andrews with a second by Shap Smith, the board voted to Passover this abatement until further information could be gathered.

F. Leslie Weatherby. Parcel ID #70086. This mobile home had been demolished and should not have been included in the 2005 Grand List. On a motion by Peg Demars with a second by Ken Campbell, the board voted affirmatively to abate property taxes from FY06 in the amount of \$149.18 under criteria #4.

G. Various accounts – see attached. On a motion by Thomas Hirschak with a second by Theresa Breault, the board voted affirmatively to abate small amounts due of property taxes from FY06 in the amount of \$34.32.

4. The board reviewed voter checklist additions from 09/01/2005 to 06/20/2006, and removals from 09/15/2005 to 06/20/2006 as reported by the town clerk.
5. BCA members volunteered to serve as pollworkers for the 6/27/06 Special Town Meeting at the VFW.
6. Clerk Wilson reminded board members of the upcoming September Primary and November Election. Those wishing to run for Justice of the Peace should contact their political party or file as an independent before 9/15/06.
7. With no other business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned upon motion at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk
Board of Civil Authority