

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, notified and warned to meet at the Conference Room upstairs at the Municipal Office Building, 18 Lower Main Street in said town, met on Thursday, the 19th day of May 2005, at 6:15 P.M.

Members present: Siri Rooney, Peg Lambert, David Yacovone, Ken Campbell, Thomas Hirschak, Steve Leach, Francis Favreau, Edward Wilson, Cathy Voyer, Brian Kellogg and Mary Ann Wilson.

Members absent: Dawn Andrews, Theresa Breault, Shap Smith, Paul Griswold, Shaun Bryer, Jim Paige and Stephen Bousquet.

Listers present: Charles McArthur and Tom Williams.

Guests present: None

1. Chairman Favreau opened the meeting at 6:17 pm.
2. On a motion by Peg Lambert with a second by Brian Kellogg, the board voted to approve minutes of the 02/08/05 meeting as presented.
3. New Business:
 - A. Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, the board considered the following requests for abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.
 - i) Lamoille Area Adult Day Care Center - d.b.a. Out and About, sent a letter requesting that the Center's property at 11 Court Street be removed from the Grand List for property tax purposes. As a non-profit corporation, the Center stated that it is entitled to property tax exemption under 32 VSA § 3802(4). Because it is not the responsibility of the Board of Abatement to determine tax exempt status, Dave Yacovone moved to passover the request. Motion seconded by Steve Leach and voted affirmatively.
 - ii) Copley Professional Services Group, Inc. wrote to request abatement in the amount of \$264.76 charged to them for personal property at their facility, Morrisville Family Health Care. Siting 32 VSA § 3618, Copley Professional Services Group, Inc, as a nonprofit organization, is claiming to be exempt from paying tax on their equipment. Lister Charles McArthur investigated the matter, and determined that all of the other practices within the health care system under C.P.S.G. are not being assessed for personal property. On a motion by Dave Yacovone with a second by Peg Lambert, the BCA voted affirmatively to abate the taxes due on parcel ID #90052 and refund \$264.76.
 - iii) On the property owned by Nancy Person and Laura Fuchs – parcel ID #16122, Nancy Person submitted the following in a letter dated 2/24/05. "To the Board of Civil Authority, please accept this letter as my request for tax abatement. I am disabled and unable to work." Ms. Person was not in attendance at the hearing. Upon motion by Tom Hirschak with a second by Ken Campbell, the BCA unanimously disapproved the requested abatement due to lack of information.
 - iv) On the Mayer/Deeter property – parcel ID #15023, a request for abatement of \$550.09 was made on the basis that the Homestead Declaration filed by the property

owners and granted by the State of Vermont was not correctly transmitted electronically to the Morristown Listers. That caused the taxes on the Mayer/Deeter property to be calculated as non-residential which overstated the taxes by \$550.09. On a motion by Cathy Voyer with a second by Steve Leach, the BCA voted to abate \$550.90 and credit the amount to the 2005-2006 tax installment.

v.) Listers' errors requiring abatements:

- Kevin Toof – Parcel ID # 23134.90. Property assessed in error as non-residential rather than homestead, resulting in miscalculation of taxes. Upon motion by Tom Hirschak with a second by Cathy Voyer, the BCA voted to abate \$214.90 and credit the amount to the 2005-2006 tax installment.
- Greaves Farms Corp – Parcel ID # 08002. Property assessed in error as non-residential rather than homestead, resulting in miscalculation of taxes. Upon motion by Ed Wilson with a second by Ken Campbell, the BCA voted to abate \$2,195.40, and credit the amount to the 2005-2006 tax installment.

v.) Treasurer's abatement requests:

- Tax year 2003-2004: miscellaneous tax accounts for 28 parcels with amounts due, equal to or less than \$10.00. Small balances are due to demand letters and tax payment crossing in the mail. Upon motion by Tom Hirschak with a second by Peg Lambert, the BCA voted to abate \$61.51 of taxes, penalty and interest. No refunds or credits to be issued.
- Tax year 2004-2005: miscellaneous tax accounts for 14 parcels with small amounts due, equal to or less than \$10.00. Upon motion by Peg Lambert with a second by Steve Leach, the BCA voted to abate \$16.11 of taxes. No credits or refunds to be issued.

B. Reviewed updates to voter checklist per 17 VSA § 2144b as presented by the Town Clerk.

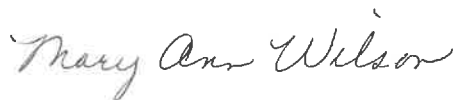
C. Clerk Wilson and Lister McArthur previewed the calendar for the 2005 grievances and the possible BCA schedule for tax appeals.

4. Old Business:

A. Oath of Office completed and signed by BCA members Campbell and Yacavone.

With no other business to come before the board, meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm upon motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk
Board of Civil Authority – Board of Abatement