

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
43 PORTLAND STREET
MORRISVILLE, VERMONT 05661-0748

MINUTES - BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned, met at the Community Meeting Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Thursday, the 5th day of September 2013 at 5:30 P.M.

Members present: R Bedell, D Blake, T Breault, M Demars, F Favreau, C Hindes, M Mason, B Paine, S Rooney, R Stancliff, E Wilson, B Kellogg, M Cote, M Smith and M A Wilson, Clerk.

Listers present: Duane Sprague

AGENDA:

1. F Favreau open meeting at 5:32 PM.
2. Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, the board considered abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.
 - a. Christian Ransom (parcel #21161): Mr. Ransom was present. In a letter to the board, he stated that his property was destroyed by fire on 5/3/13, and he was requesting abatement of all of his property taxes. He stated that the building was not insured, and he would need all available money to rebuild. He added that there was a fire back in 1928, the building was rebuilt and had historic significance. When asked if he would sell the property, he explained that although he is 100% disabled, his plan is to move into the garage, re-build and re-roof the building and teach art and sculpture.

Lister D. Sprague stated that the value of the property before the fire was assessed at \$62,100.00. They had reassessed the property after the fire, eliminating the value of the building. The new value assigned to the property is \$39,400.

The Board of Abatement went into deliberative session upon motion. After deliberations, M. Cote moved to abate property taxes under criteria #5 in the amount of \$133.92, seconded by Brian Kellogg. Result of the vote: 10 voted yes and 5 voted no. Motion passed.
 - b. Charles Vartanian (parcel #90204): Mr. Vartanian closed his business, and the personal property was removed from town. The FY13 tax bill was created in error. Upon motion by M. Demars with a second by T. Breault, the board voted under criteria #4 to abate: Principal = \$76.52; Interest = \$26.50 and Penalty = \$6.12 for a total of \$108.24.
 - c. Upon motion by M. Demars with a second by T. Breault, the board voted to abate small amounts due on various parcels: Principal = \$21.02; Interest = \$.09; Penalty = \$1.68 for a total of \$22.79.
3. Biennial Purge of the Voter Checklist. The board was given the "Status Change Report" from the HAVA program and the lists of purged and challenged voters that the Town Clerk's Office had produced through the mandated purge process. After review, M. Demars moved to affirm that the biennial purge has been completed and approved. Motion seconded by T. Breault, voted and passed.

4. Other business:

Board members confirmed their availability to be poll workers for the Special Village Meeting re: Maple Street, Monday, Oct 7. Polls open 9 AM to 7 PM. At the close of the polls, ballots will be hand counted, and the conference room reset.

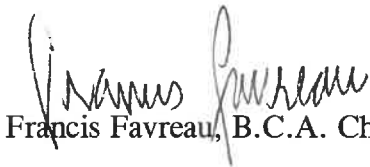
5. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM upon motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk

Approved:



Francis Favreau, B.C.A. Chair