

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

MINUTES OF BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown, convened the warned meeting at the Conference Room upstairs at the Town Clerk's Office in said town on Thursday, the 8th day of April 2004. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Thomas Hirschak at 5:43 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Hirschak, Margaret Lambert, Theresa Breault, Siri Rooney, Brian Kellogg, Jane Greene, Brian Greenia and Mary Ann Wilson.

LISTERS PRESENT: Lynn Phelps

1. Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, to consider abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.

A. Kathy Levins represented the Neville Companies – d.b.a Pinecrest Mobile Home Park - for their request for abatement of taxes for FY2003 and FY2004 on the abandoned mobile home of Nancy Vanat – parcel #70031. She stated that the Neville Co. has lost over \$6,000 in back rent and legal fees to acquire the property by writ of possession. They do not wish to pay past tax bills also. The home has been moved off the lot and is sitting at the edge of the park. It may be sold or junked. Taxes requested for abatement are:

1. 2003: Principal = \$506.90, Interest = \$70.84, Penalty = \$40.56, Other = \$4.42 for a total of \$622.72.
2. 2004: Principal = \$167.48, Interest = \$4.20 for a total of \$171.86

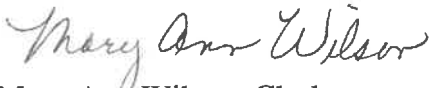
The B.C.A. delayed voting on the abatement until meeting in deliberative session. Ms. Levins left the meeting.

A. Clerk Wilson read the request for abatement from Brian and Jacqueline Parker – parcel #70076. Their mobile home located on the Randolph Road was destroyed by fire on June 27, 2003 and “deemed uninhabitable”. In September 2003, the Parkers paid \$453.68 in property taxes for FY2004. They are requesting a refund of the taxes paid due to the financial hardship. On a motion by Brian Kellogg, with a second by Theresa Breault, the board voted affirmatively to abate and refund one half of the taxes paid for a total of \$226.84.

B. Clerk Wilson and Lister Phelps explained that an error was discovered in the tax amount for John Weltman and James Atkins – parcel # 11029. Their property was originally assessed at \$352,600 prior to Grievance. There was a delay in the Listers being able to access the property to address the grievance. Property tax bills were mailed with the original assessment. In the meantime, the Listers had been able to reassess the property and reduce the value to \$341,500. The difference in taxes for FY 2004 between the amount billed and the reduced assessment is \$235.32. On a motion by Theresa Breault, with a second by Margaret Lambert, the Board voted unanimously to abate and credit \$235.32 to Atkins/Weltman.

- C. On a motion by Theresa Breault with a second by Margaret Lambert, the B.C.A. voted to go in to deliberative session at 6:20 PM.
 - D. On a motion by Theresa Breault with a second by Margaret Lambert, the B.C.A. voted to come out of deliberative session at 6:25 PM.
 - E. On a motion by Brian Kellogg, with a second by Margaret Lambert, the B.C.A. voted unanimously to deny the request of the Neville Companies for abatement of the FY2003 and FY2004 property taxes and other accrued charges on the property formerly owned by Nancy Vanat – parcel #70031.
- 2. Per Title 17, V.S.A. Section 2144b, the board was presented a list of the additions and removals to the voter checklist that the Town Clerk had approved for the most recent elections.
 - 3. With no other business to come before the board, upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk
Board of Civil Authority