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MINUTES - BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown met at the **Upstairs Conference Room** at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Rhoda Bedell, Don Blake, Theresa Breault, Margaret Demars, Francis Favreau, Paul Griswold, Steve Leach, Brent Paine, Siri Rooney, Min Cote, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae and Mary Ann Wilson.

Listers Present: Charles McArthur and Julia Compagna

1. **ABATEMENT:** Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, to consider abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.
 - 5:30 PM – Arthur Therrien, appellant was present along with Tammy Therrien Goss. Clerk Wilson read Mr. Therrien's letter. Mr. Therrien requested abatement of a portion of his property taxes based on a late filed Veteran's Exemption. On November 29, 2011, Mr. Therrien was granted a disability of 100% from the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. He requested abatement of his FY12 property taxes based on 24 VSA §1535(a)(6). This statute allows that the exemption amount shall be reduced by 20% of the total exemption for each month the claim is late filed. Many years ago, the town had voted a \$40,000 exemption for qualified veterans. Using the formula set forth in statute, his abatement amount was calculated to be \$295.50. Upon motion by S. Leach with a second by M. Demars, the board voted affirmatively to abate \$295.50 with the amount to be credited to his May 2012 installment of property taxes.
2. **REAPPORTIONMENT:** In a letter dated 2/28/2012, the Office of Legislative Council requested that the BCA for the Town of Morristown submit a written decision by March 15, 2012 about subdividing the Lamoille Washington district. Motion made by M. Demars to allow the initial Lamoille Washington District to constitute a finalized two member representative district as drawn by the legislature that may elect two representatives at elections until the next reapportionment. Motion seconded by R. Bedell, voted affirmatively and passed. Clerk Wilson will compose the decision and meet the deadline.
3. With no further business to come before the BCA, the meeting was adjourned upon motion at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk

Francis Favreau, Chairman