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## **MINUTES: BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING**

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned to meet at the Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street, met in said town on Thursday, January 30, 2014.

Members present: R Bedell, D Blake, M Demars, F Favreau, C Hindes, S Leach, M Mason, B Paine, S Rooney, E Wilson, B Kellogg, S Rae, M Smith and M A Wilson, Clerk

Listers present: D Sprague and J Compagna

Guests: David Bothfeld and Margot Leikert

### **AGENDA:**

1. Meeting opened by Chairman Favreau 5:34 PM.
2. Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, to consider abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.

Karin Seidel and David Bothfeld (20026)

Office building totally destroyed by fire on September 20, 2013. Request for abatement received 9/26/13.  
David Bothfeld present at hearing.

Motion by S. Leach with a second by M. Demars to abate pro-rated FY14 property taxes to include municipal and education taxes under Criteria #5 in the amount of \$5,319.13 with amount to be credited to the balance of the FY14 property tax bill. Motion voted affirmatively and carried.

Alfred and Margot Leikert (11023.01)

Residential building totally destroyed by fire on June 5, 2013. Request for abatement received 10/08/13.  
Margot Leikert present at hearing.

Motion by M. Demars with a second by B. Kellogg to abate pro-rated FY13 property taxes to include municipal and education taxes under Criteria #5 in the amount of \$320.85 with amount to be credited to the balance of the FY14 property tax bill. Motion voted affirmatively and carried.

Motion by B. Kellogg with a second by S. Rae to abate pro-rated FY14 property taxes to include municipal and education taxes under Criteria #5 in the amount of \$5,149.63 with amount to be credited to the balance of the FY14 property tax bill. Motion voted affirmatively and carried

Ames Department Store (90009 – Bankruptcy)

Ames Merchandising Corp filed for bankruptcy in 2002 with taxes in the amount of \$1,852.52 for personal property due to the town. On 11/6/2013, a check in the amount of \$390.30 was received representing full and complete payment of the town's claim. Motion was made by M. Demars with a second by J. Compagna to abate the balance of taxes, interest, penalty and postage – FY02 = \$528.96 and FY03 = \$933.26, for a total of \$1,462.22 under Criteria #3. Motion voted affirmatively and carried.

Wheeler Flooring LLC (90626)

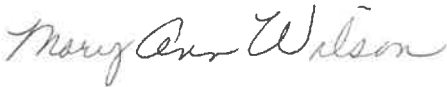
Business closed and personal property removed from Town. Motion was made by M. Demars with a second by E. Wilson to abate FY 13 taxes, interest, penalty and postage in the amount of \$42.39 under Criteria #5. Motion voted affirmatively and carried.

3. Other Business:

- A. Town Meeting schedule for poll workers at the PA gym and Town Municipal Building was discussed.
- B. Julia Compagna will be encouraging voters to participate in traditional and Australian ballot voting at the 2014 Town Meeting. Her purpose is to "Get Out the Vote". There will be no partisan politics or issues involved in the discussions. She asked BCA members who would be willing to assist her.

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned upon motion at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk  
Board of Civil Authority