

TOWN of BRIDPORT
Abatement Hearing
Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Masonic/Community Hall



PRESENT: Tim Howlett, Julie Howlett, Eric Conroy, Vicki Major, Suzanne Buck, Kathleen King, Chris Goodrich, Margaret Sunderland, David Bronson, Phil Wagner, Bob Sunderland, Judd Markowski, Jacqueline & Michael Guica, Eric Denu

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair, Julie Howlett

Public Comment: No public comment

Secretary's Report: Tim made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2021 Abatement Hearing. Judd seconded, motion passed.

Hearing #1: The applicant in this hearing was Eric Denu for the Life estate of Philip E. Denu Jr., 1367 Henenway Road parcel ID 12-002. The applicants request falls under category 4- Taxes in which there is a manifest error and Category 5- Taxes in which there is or a mistake of the Listers. Board members were emailed a packet of information from the applicants describing the error. The applicant applied for Current Use and waited until the Current Use information came through to the Town which was after the tax due date of November 10, 2020 to pay the property taxes. The applicant is asking for an abatement of interest and penalty.

After much discussion Judd made the motion to deny the abatement request, Margaret seconded. Aye- 11, Nay-0, David- Abstained.

Hearing #2: The applicants in this hearing were Jacqueline & Michael Guica, 1124 Route 144, Benson, VT parcel ID- 05-035. The applicants request falls under category 4- Taxes in which there is a manifest error. Board members were emailed a packet of information from the applicant describing the error. The Guica's did not receive their tax bill because the Town did not have the correct mailing address and they believe the penalty and interest should abated because they had not received the bill to pay it before the due date. The Guica's claim they made a change of address request when they paid their 2019 property taxes by crossing out the address and writing the new one on the property tax bill.

After much discussion, Judd made the motion to grant the abatement if our records indicate that there was a request for an address change and deny the request if there is no record of the request. Margaret seconded. After more discussion, Judd withdrew the motion. Margaret made a motion to table the discussion until records could be verified at the Town Office the next day. Phil seconded, motion passed.

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn. Phil seconded, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,