

September 18, 2014 Board for the Abatement of Taxes, Deliberative Session (Approved)

Listers: Kitty Diggins, Dorothy Knott, Treasurer: Roberta Dana, Justice of the Peace: Brent Smith, Tirone Dyer, Select Board: Nathan Puffer, Gary Lamberton, Peter Lyon

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

The Listers and Treasurer were asked for their recommendation. Kitty suggested reducing the value by removing the building and slab. Dorothy did not offer a suggestion. Roberta explained that an abatement is not to reduce the value of the property. If the BOA decides to abate any portion of a tax bill then the town has to pick up the expense because the taxes must be paid one way or another. Roberta suggested no reduction for this tax year because we are already having a few budget issues and any abatement will be an unbudgeted miscellaneous expense and expressing a concern that the school taxes still needed to be paid.

General discussion took place on the fact that there was precedence for a reduction as the Harry Welch barn was abated when it was destroyed.

General discussion then took place on the timing for rebuilding, the potential value of the existing concrete slab and the impact on taxes.

Gary moved, Kitty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously to abate \$1,112 of the 2014 property taxes on the building only. Gary explained that the building was in use for one month of the year and should be abated for the other eleven months.

Linda was asked by Gary to complete the appropriate forms and provide notice to Ken and Brian Newton.

The meeting closed at 6:55 PM

Gary Lamberton, Chair

Prepared by Peter Lyon