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## BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING OF JULY 31, 2018

The Board of Abatement of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned, met in the Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

***BOA Members present:*** Bob Beeman (Selectboard), Rhoda Bedell, Donald Blake, Julia Compagna, Margaret Demars, Claire Hindes, Brian Kellogg (Selectboard), Monte Mason, Shelley Nolan, Brent Paine, Siri Rooney, Duane Sprague (Lister), Ronald Stancliff, Richard Tomlinson (Lister), Chris Towne (Selectboard) and Sara Haskins (Clerk)

***Appellants present:*** Matthew Kempe

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.
- There were no changes or additions to the posted agenda.
- Donnie Blake nominated Charles Burnham for Board of Abatement Chair; Duane Sprague seconded it. Charles Burnham was elected Board of Abatement Chair for the ensuing year.
- Brian Kellogg nominated Edward Wilson for Board of Abatement Vice-Chair; Richard Tomlinson seconded it. Edward Wilson was elected Board of Abatement Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.
- As neither the Chair nor Vice-Chair were present the Board appointed Clerk Sara Haskins to chair the meeting.
- Upon motion by Ronald Stancliff and seconded by Richard Tomlinson the minutes of the November 2, 2017 meeting were approved.
- Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, to consider abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.
  - Suzanne Kempe (#16111-0703): Suzanne Kempe was not able to attend but her son Matthew attended as her representative. Letter of request was read asking for abatement of interest & penalty only, no principal, due to the taxes of persons who

have died insolvent. Duane Sprague made a motion to abate \$277.33 of the FY17-18 property taxes under abatement criteria #1- taxes of persons who have died insolvent. Brian Kellogg seconded the motion. After testimony by appellant's representative the Board briefly debated the facts. Richard Tomlinson called for the question. Ron Stancliff seconded the motion. The Board voted affirmatively to abate \$277.33 of FY17-18 property taxes under abatement criteria #1- taxes of persons who have died insolvent.

- Clerk Haskins presented three delinquent property tax accounts that have small balances due resulting from payments crossing in the mail which caused additional interest and certified mailing fees to accrue. Ronald Stancliff made a motion to abate for FY 17-18: \$10.39 for parcel ID #07130 owned by Charles Shaffer, \$18.74 for Parcel ID#23010-04 owned by Margaret Reynolds and \$64.51 for Parcel ID#11077 owned by 3031306 Canada Inc. Peg Demars seconded the motion. The Board debated the motion. Richard Tomlinson called for the question. Peg Demars seconded the motion. Motion to call the question carried 15 to 1. Motion to abate for FY 17-18: \$10.39 for parcel ID #07130 owned by Charles Shaffer, \$18.74 for Parcel ID#23010-04 owned by Margaret Reynolds and \$64.51 for Parcel ID#11077 owned by 3031306 Canada Inc carried on a vote 14 to 2.
- Clerk Haskins also presented a list of unlanded mobile homes and personal property tax accounts that are delinquent and difficult to collect through tax sale. After testimony by the Clerk and Listers, the Board discussed the presented list of properties and their collection. It was suggested that the Board create a written policy for abating small balances due. Ronald Stancliff made a motion to abate \$125.18 of the FY17-18 property taxes under criteria #2- persons who have moved out of state for Parcel ID#90709 owed by Lucky Buffet as they are no longer in business and we have no contact information for them. Peg Demars seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM upon motion by Richard Tomlinson and seconded by Ron Stancliff.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Haskins, Clerk- Board of Abatement