

TOWN OF ORANGE BOARD OF ABATMENT HEARING MEETING MINUTES September 7, 2022

BOA Members Present:

Francis Kidder, Sue Perreault, Lee Martenson, Angela Eastman, Sheila Stone, Emily Ruff, Lee Youngman, Edmund Bedard Art McNeil and John McNeil

Others Present:

None

Call Meeting to order:

Ms. Youngman called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Abatement Hearings:

Audet/Hedges

8 Kimberlee Lane, PID 012509 Decision was made to abate the amount due on the parcel to clean up the books. Mobile home is still the property of Veronica Audet and will remain so until the Selectboard discusses removal of the trailer at a later date. On a motion made by Ms. Youngman and seconded by Ms. Ruff, the delinquent taxes in the amount of \$245.24 are uncollectable and will be abated to clear the books.

Hallock/Renfrew

816 Cutler Corner Rd, PID 035101, the idea of abatement came up as an incentive to get Mr. Renfrew to enter into a payment program, but he received VHFA funds which paid for most of his delinquent taxes and Mr. Hallock made a verbal offer to pay the delinquent taxes on the mobile home. The matter was tabled indefinitely. On a motion made by Ms. Perreault and seconded by Mrs. Stone, the matter at hand was tabled indefinitely.

Choge

24 Preston Rd, PID 005910 and 005911(no inactivated), the resident purchased the abutting parcel. The two parcels should have been combined and the empty building lot treated as additional acreage. The difference in value is \$49,500. The abated taxes owed that need to be abated is \$3279.72. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Ms. Perreault, the taxes were abated for \$3279.72. Lister Error. The listers recused themselves.

Golden

US Route 25 PID 250010 There was an error in the valuation of the property as there was an extra building lot that had been added during the 2009 reappraisal. Upon calculating the abatement that since the parcel was in current use, the error did not affect the land owner, so there is no abatement is due to the landowner. On a motion made by Ms. Youngman and seconded by Ms. Perreault, we will pass on this parcel. Lister Error. The listers recused themselves

Lamell

12 Morrie Drive PID 110727 Ashley Lamell had a fire at her home in January of 2022 and removing the structure from the parcel it was discovered that it was overvalued as a stick-built structure rather than a mobile home. The amount of the error and the additional amount due to loss of use for the prior 3 months totals \$5,550.35. On a motion made by

Ms. Youngman and seconded by Ms. Perreault, the taxes were abated for \$5,550.35. Lister Error. The listers recused themselves

Morrison

Cramp Rd PID 040104 Whitney Morrison asked for help with his delinquent taxes but at the time of the hearing all his delinquent taxes had been paid. This was denied.

Wheeler/Stoops

Richardson Rd PID 004411 The Wheelers filed a grievance against the value of their property and presented appraisals to similar properties. Upon reviewing the property, it was found that an abutting parcel which had been purchased retained a building lot which was not actively used. The building lot was eliminated and the abatement reflects the overpayment since 2009. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Eastman, the taxes were abated for \$11,355.03. Lister Error. The listers recused themselves

Welch

Fish Pond Rd PID 030850 The value of the Welch property was reviewed due to delinquent taxes. The structure was erroneously described as stick built when it is a mobile home and depreciation intended for the building lot was applied to the additional acreage instead. The abatement reflects the overpayment since 2013. This will 1st be applied to their delinquent taxes and the remainder will be applied to their current taxes. On a motion made by Ms. Youngman and seconded by Mr. Kidder, the taxes were abated for \$4,811.43. Lister Error. The listers recused themselves

Public Comment:

No public comment noted

Adjournment:

Ms. Youngman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Perreault, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Angela Eastman
Town Clerk