

Town of Montgomery
Board of Abatement Hearing

Monday April 3rd, 2017

5:30 PM

Public Safety Building Conference Room – 86 Mountain Rd

Minutes

Members: Charles Hancock, Colin Sorenson, Darren Drevik, Jacob Racusin, Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Laurie Murphy, Misty McCartney, Gabrielle Marquette, Patricia Hathaway, Tosca Smith, Wendy Howard, Christina Suarez, Parma Jewett, Lynda Cluba
Visitor: Anita Woodward, Delinquent Tax Collector
Appellant: Property identified as Parcel ID 00028.041X – formerly owned by Gary Rich - Deceased

Charles Hancock called the hearing called to order at 5:32 PM

- 1) The agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions or corrections. Oaths for all members were self-administered and signed.
- 2) Wendy Howard nominated Charles Hancock for Chairman of the BOA. Hearing no other nominations, Charles was elected unanimously by voice vote.
Parma Jewett nominated Wendy Howard for Vice Chairman of the BOA. Hearing no other nominations, Wendy was elected unanimously by voice vote.
Wendy Howard nominated Deanna-Dee Robitaille as Clerk of the Board. Hearing no other nominations, Deanna was elected unanimously by voice vote.
- 3) Deanna-Dee Robitaille, as Town Clerk & Treasurer, explained the state of this parcel's delinquent balance and that the Town has no hope of ever collecting the principal, penalty or interest remaining on the account. Deanna explained, citing Exhibit 1 – letter from the US Department of Justice Re: United States v. 2404 Regan Road, Montgomery VT dated August 26th, 2015, that the property was seized by the United States government and that the Department of Justice had mandated that no taxes will be paid that accrue on the property from the date of seizure. Deanna also explained that, as calculated in Exhibit 2 – letter from the Town of Montgomery to PRISM Title & Closing Services dated June 28th, 2016, all taxes, penalties and interest that accrued on the property prior to seizure were paid in full upon sale of the property. Deanna stated that the remaining balance according to Exhibit 3 – email from the Delinquent Tax Collector dated March 27th, 2017, is \$4,417.35 principal, \$470.69 penalty, \$412.56 interest.

The floor was opened to questions from the Board. Hearing no questions or comments, the testimony portion of the hearing concluded. The Board entered Deliberative Session at 5:13 PM and exited at 5:16 PM.

Wendy made a motion to abate the remaining balances, as reported by the Delinquent Tax Collector, of \$4,417.35 principal, \$470.69 penalty, \$412.56 interest and was seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Hearing adjourned at 5:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna-Dee Robitaille
Board of Abatement Clerk