

**BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING MINUTES  
RANDOLPH TOWN HALL  
CONFERENCE ROOM B  
MARCH 25, 2015  
5:30 P.M.**

**Present: Justices of the Peace:** Ruth Lutz, Jessamyn West, Richard Burstein, Michael Ross, George Phillips, Janice Russell, Martha Lawrence, Tom Harty, and Dennis Brown  
**Selectboard:** Tom Schersten  
**Board of Listers:** Edward Luce and Don Sweetser  
**Town Clerk & Treasurer:** Joyce Mazzucco

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board Chair Richard Burstein. The first order of business was to approve the agenda for the meeting. Dennis Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Don Sweetser seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote. The agenda for the meeting approved.

The next order of business was to consider the tax abatement request of Andrew Delaney on behalf of his late father, Terrence Delaney, who passed away last fall, property located at 97 Vermont Route 14 South, parcel #113024-000, and property located at 9 Greenhouse Avenue, parcel #218009-000. Mr. Burstein asked the Board members if they had all received copies of the abatement request letter. The Board members acknowledged that they had received a copy of the abatement request letter. Janice Russell informed the Board members that she has a professional relationship with Andrew Delaney and the law firm of Martin and Associates and recused herself from action on this abatement request. Mr. Burstein also recused himself as he is the Town Agent. The original abatement request letter was labeled as "Exhibit A". The property tax bill for 97 Vermont Route 14 South, Parcel #113024.000, SPAN #507-15-12689, was labeled as "Exhibit B", and the property tax bill for 9 Greenhouse Avenue, Parcel #218009-000, SPAN #507-159-13485, was labeled as "Exhibit C". Mr. Delaney was not present at the meeting to provide additional information to support the abatement request.

A discussion followed, with the following Board members participating: Dennis Brown, Joyce Mazzucco, Jessamyn West, Ruth Lutz, Tom Harty, Edward Luce, Tom Schersten, and George Phillips. Mr. Delaney's letter to the Board Abatement requested an abatement of interest and any penalty charges on the three properties owned by his father. The property taxes for one of the properties, 12 Mountain Avenue, is paid in full. The full FY 2015 property taxes for 97 Vermont Route 14 South and 9 Greenhouse Avenue are unpaid and have accrued interest charges on the unpaid first installment principal. The Board had a number of questions: Are the properties rented, and if so, what is happening with the collected rents? Were there sufficient funds in Terrence Delaney's bank accounts to pay the property taxes in the fall prior to his untimely death? Does anyone have access to Mr. Delaney's accounts? What is the status for establishing the estate? George Phillips made a motion to deny the request to abate any interest and penalty charges for the properties at 97 Vermont Route 14 South and 9 Greenhouse Avenue. Dennis Brown seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion to deny the abatement request carried by majority vote, with two abstentions (Janice Russell and Richard Burstein).

There was no further business to consider. Dennis Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joyce L. Mazzucco, Town Clerk