

**BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2016
CONFERENCE ROOM B
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Justices of the Peace: Ruth Lutz, Tom Harty, George Phillips, Jack Cowdrey, Mike Ross, Jim Sault, Richard Burstein and Dennis Brown

Selectboard: Larry Richburg

Board of Listers: Ed Luce

Town Clerk & Treasurer: Joyce Mazzucco

Others: Patrick French, Assessor

The Board of Abatement meeting was called to order by Board Chair Richard Burstein at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum of the Board present. The first order of business was to approve the meeting agenda. Dennis Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jack Cowdrey seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote. The agenda was approved as presented.

The next order of business was to consider the tax abatement request from Patrick French, Assessor, on behalf of the Board of Listers, to abate the taxes and interest for a mobile home owned by Nancy Burris, Parcel #111003-000. The mobile was moved from Randolph in May, 2014 and the property taxes were paid in full at that time. Inadvertently, the mobile home was not removed from the 2015 Grand List and a property tax bill was created. The Listers are asking that the taxes and interest be abated due to a "manifest error" under 24 V.S.A. 1535(a)(4). Tom Harty made a motion to abate the taxes and interest on the Burris mobile home. Dennis Brown seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the abatement request and why the mobile home was not removed before the 2015 Grand List was lodged. Participating in the discussion were the following individuals: Richard Burstein, Joyce Mazzucco and Jim Sault. There was no further discussion. Mr. Burstein called for a voice vote and the motion carried by majority vote (abstentions: Burstein and Luce). The taxes, in the amount of \$115.25, and interest, in the amount of \$3.45, will be abated.

There was no further business to consider. Larry Richburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Attest: _____
Joyce L. Mazzucco, Town Clerk