Tax Abatement Board March 8, 2017

Present: Frank Seawright Chair

Kord Scott Selectperson Maureen Bell Selectperson

John Hoover Lister

Carolyn Partridge Justice of the Peace
Marcia Clinton Justice of the Peace
Michael Simonds Justice of the Peace
Peter Chamberlain Town Treasurer
Jo-Jo Chlebogiannis Town Clerk

Ernest Freidli Delinquent Tax Collector

- **1. Called to Order:** Meeting of the Tax Abatement Board (hereafter referred to as the Board) duly posted and warned, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jo-Jo Chlebogiannis.
- 2. Motion: Jo-Jo made a motion to elect a new Tax Abatement Chair, Frank Seawright, seconded by Maureen. The Board all voted in favor to elect Frank Seawright as the new Tax Abatement Board Chair
- 3. Review of Abatement Board Proceedings: Frank reviewed the structure of Abatement Board Proceedings, describing the public part of the meeting when the Board will take testimony and then the confidential deliberative session that follows. Frank asked if anyone on the Board might have any conflict of interest, or engaged in any recent communication that could interfere with anyone's ability to hear the case objectively. This was denied by the Board members.
- **4. Testimony:** Nathan Boynton was sworn in and he represented himself. He acknowledged that he could pay his outstanding taxes minus the interest and penalties; that he now is receiving income sensitivity and that his home has been re-appraised therefore also lowering his property tax burden. Nathan also stated that life has been a little tough with taking care of his parents and not working, but wished to re-assure the board that things are looking up.
- **5. Taxes Owed:** Nathan owes \$15881.85 in delinquent taxes, \$1260.58 in penalties, and \$10,048.59 in interest for a total of \$27,191.02 in delinquent taxes.
- **6. Into Deliberative Session:** Carolyn made a motion for The Board to go into Deliberative Session at 6:20p.m. seconded by John, the board voted all in favor.
- **7. Out of Deliberative Session:** A motion was made by Kord to come out of deliberative session at 6:30p.m., seconded by Carolyn, The Board voted all in favor.

- **8. Motion on Decision:** Kord made a motion to abate the taxes and penalties, Carolyn seconded, The Board voted all in favor.
- **9. Action to be Taken:** Ernie will send a letter to Nathan advising him of his new tax bill of \$15, 881.85. Jo-Jo will send the Notice of Abatement Decision as filled out by the chair, Frank Seawright. Nathan has successfully had his penalties and interest abated for a combined sum of \$\$11,309.17.
- **10. Motion to Adjourn:** Michael made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Peter. The Board voted all in favor.

Date Approved:	Town Clerk:

Adjourned at: 6:40p.m.