

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 20, 2015**

**MEMBERS:** Donna Bohannon, Herbie Pearo, Alton Brusco, Robert Creller, Connie Boutin, Linda Gotshall, Steve Aubin

**GUESTS:** Danielle James Choiniere, Terry Tatro

The meeting opened at 6:08 pm.

**ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA: ELECTING A BOARD CHAIR**

- *Herbie Pearo motioned for Alton Brusco to assume the role until Armand Premo (prior Chair) returns from Florida. Robert Creller seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM 10/8/2014 & 10/9/2014**

- *Herbie Pearo motioned to accept the minutes. Linda Gotshall seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*

**SETTING DATE FOR TAX APPEAL HEARING**

Joseph Salomone and Patricia Shaw wished to schedule a day and time to grieve their property's assessed value to the BCA. They are not sure they want to pursue an actual appeal, but wanted to make arrangements just in case. The date of September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm was selected.

**ABATEMENTS BY DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR**

Terry Tatro presented the following parcels for abatement (includes 8% penalty and interest):

1. Michael & Kathy Brouillette – ATH02 – \$145.93 – trailer gone
  - *Herbie Pearo motioned to abate. Linda Gotshall seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
2. George Evers – ATD09 – \$71.04 – trailer gone
  - *Robert Creller motioned to abate. Linda Gotshall seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
3. Pierre & Diane Seguin – BT023 – \$155.87 – trailer gone
  - *Herbie Pearo motioned to abate. Robert Creller seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
4. Rick & Brenda Boucher – GP139 – \$114.33 – trailer gone
  - *Herbie Pearo motioned to abate. Linda Gotshall seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
5. Brian & Tonya Bourdeau – GP049 – \$103.03 – trailer gone
  - *Robert Creller motioned to abate. Herbie Pearo seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
6. Louis Hallstrom – GP124 – \$643.48 – trailer gone
  - *Herbie Pearo motioned to abate. Linda Gotshall seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
7. Glen Hill, Jr – GP090 – \$74.99 – trailer gone
  - *Robert Creller motioned to abate. Linda Gotshall seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
8. Doug Moorby – GP122 – \$63.11 – trailer gone
  - *Linda Gotshall motioned to abate. Herbie Pearo seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*

9. Josh Moorby – GP123 – \$213.30 – trailer gone
  - *Linda Gotshall motioned to abate. Herbie Pearo seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
10. Roy Partlow – GP140 – \$27.58 – trailer gone
  - *Robert Creller motioned to abate. Herbie Pearo seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
11. Gordon Read – GP061 – \$97.22 – trailer gone
  - *Robert Creller motioned to abate. Herbie Pearo seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
12. Travis Bohannon – SU080 – \$179.51 – trailer burned
  - *Linda Gotshall motioned to abate. Robert Creller seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*
13. Brendan Henry – GR226 – \$1,017.74 – Current Use issue

The property was purchased June 2013 and Henry said it was to be merged with adjoining farm property. It was done correctly in the listers' office February of this year, but was counted twice on 2014-15 tax roll: once as part of the farm parcel and once in this individual tax bill.

  - *Linda Gotshall motioned to table until it was further researched. Robert Creller seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*

**UPDATE 8/24: Doreen Salls of the State Tax Department confirmed GR226 was included as part of the Henry farm's Current Use enrollment at least since 8/8/2014.**

14. Neal & Lisa Letourneau/Shirley & Kenneth Taylor – TR049 – \$151.92 – Property Division

This used to be a co-owned lot until the individuals redid their boundary lines in February 2013. TR049 was then to be absorbed into TR047 & TR053. It was still on the books for 2014-15 however, and went delinquent.

  - *Robert Creller motioned to abate. Linda Gotshall seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*

Steve Aubin arrived to the meeting at 6:36 pm. Linda Gotshall asked how some parcels had two tax years' to abate if they were gone the first year. Donna Bohannon explained if the trailers were there April 1<sup>st</sup> they were mailed a bill. Terry Tatro mentioned tax bills go out, aren't due until the following year, and once camping season is done, several up and leave town before paying.

#### **ABATEMENTS CONTINUED**

Donna Bohannon presented an abatement for Warner and Cora Prime's FK037 residence. After a house fire they weren't in their homes from 7/23/2014 to 2/14/2015 and were looking to have that duration of their taxes abated. An early figure of \$1778.64 was figured but that included land which should be excluded from the equation. The new figure will be presented 9/9 at 6 pm, same night as the Salomone/Shaw meeting.

Bill Karstens of WL036 had \$744.26 of his taxes go delinquent (the last installment). He wished to abate the penalty and interest. He said he mailed the check before April 10<sup>th</sup> from California. The town never received it nor was it cashed. He left us a copy of his check register that showed a check had been written for that figure at about that time frame. The board said it wasn't definitive proof, that a check could theoretically have been written any time with any date. At any rate, it wasn't in the town's possession on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

- *Herbie Pearo motioned to deny Bill Karsten's request. Robert Creller seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*

#### **CHALLENGING OF THE VOTER CHECKLIST**

The BCA went name by name through Alburgh's list of registered voters and flagged those who were suspected moved or were idle. Challenge letters will soon be mailed to those individuals.

**VISITOR INPUT**

There was none!

- *Linda Gotshall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Herbie Pearo seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle James Choiniere  
Assistant Town Clerk