

MINUTES FROM 09/17/2020 MEETING OF THE ALBURGH BOARD OF ABATEMENT

PRESENT: Armand Premo, Cheryl Moomey, Ken Millman, Donna L. Bohannon, Alton Brusco, Cheryl Dunn, Barbara Baker, Connie Boutin, Jim Magner

GUESTS: No guests.

- 7:00PM – CALL TO ORDER:
 - Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chairman, Armand Premo

- HEAR ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR GR096, GR098, GR100, RS301 & RS305:
 - Attorney Gawne was not present and did not provide dollar amounts for the abatements being requested.
 - There was some discussion about his request, and it was agreed that his absence and lack of information was sufficient reason to deny his request.
 - *Donna L. Bohannon motioned to deny the request to abate taxes for GR096, GR098, GR100, RS301 and RS305, all properties of the Howard Chandler Estate, Attorney Michael Gawne as administrator – seconded by Barbara Baker – all in favor – motion carried – abatement denied.*

- HEAR ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR EA026/28/30:
 - Donna Bohannon in role of Lister, presented information gathered to explain what should and should not be abated.
 - In 2018 the owners of EA026 and EA028, Andy and Josie Henry, grieved to the Listers, the assessed value of the two properties.
 - At that time (2018), the Listers gave the values of \$233,700 to EA026 and \$63,000 to EA028 – a combined total of \$296,700.
 - The Henrys then grieved to the Board of Civil Authority and were denied the appeal.
 - They then grieved, in October 2018, to the State appraiser who ruled that the two properties should be combined and that the total assessment of the two should be \$316,000.
 - He ruled that the tax bill for the 2018/2019 tax year and two consecutive years after, this should be the assessed value. (This can change if changes to the property take place.)

- The ruling from the State appraiser came in July of 2019, by which time the 2018/2019 tax year was closed.
 - The difference between what was billed and what should have been billed for tax year 2018/2019 for EA026 was \$1,541.04. However, they paid \$1,209.03 in 2018/2019 for EA028, leaving a balance owed by them of \$332.01.
 - The amount to be abated for EA026 would appropriately be \$1,209.03, leaving a balance of \$332.01 still owed by the owners.
 - EA028 should not have been billed for the 2019/2020 tax year, as it was combined with EA026.
 - The amount to be abated for EA028 is the full amount of \$3,893.13.
 - *Barbara Baker motioned to abate the EA026 amount of \$1,209.03 for the tax year 2019/2020 – seconded by Ken Millman – all in favor – motion carried.*
 - *Donna L. Bohannon motioned to abate the EA028 amount of \$3,893.13 for tax year 2019/2020 – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*
 - The amount of \$1,355.03, should not be abated, as there was a bank error. One installment of the taxes was not paid by the property owners mortgage company.
 - The Board agreed that the amount of \$,355.03 for EA030 should not be abated and is still owed to the delinquent tax collector for the 2019/2020 tax year.
- OTHER BUSINESS AS PRESENTED:
 - No other business was presented.
- ADJOURN B.O.A MEETING:
 - *At 7:20pm Cheryl Dunn motioned to adjourn – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted, Donna L. Bohannon Alburgh Town Clerk

Please note the above minutes HAVE NOT been approved. Approval or changes to the minutes will be addressed at the next Board of Abatement meeting, currently not scheduled.