

\* DRAFT MINUTES \*  
4-29-2025 MEETING OF ALBURGH BOARD OF ABATEMENT  
1 NORTH MAIN ST ALBURGH, VT

Members: Loretta Knight, Connie Boutin, Jim Hokenberg, Danielle James Choiniere, Terry Tatro, Maggie Brescia via phone, Elliot Knight, Cheryl Dunn, John Goodrich

Guests: None

Elliot Knight called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

• **ABATEMENTS**

A list of parcels to be discussed (attached to these minutes) was viewed, starting with Alburg RV Resort.

Campground management said these owners were gone. The camper owners left without paying taxes and Cheryl Dunn mentioned there needs to be a conversation with campground owners who need to catch these as they go. Other members asked if there was a way to bill the campgrounds and as of the current state statute, there is not. Cheryl mentioned having a discussion with state representatives to get campground laws amended. John Goodrich asked if we could call them 'uncollectible' instead of 'gone'.

- *Terry Tatro motioned to abate these six Alburg RV Resort camper amounts that were uncollectible. Jim Hokenberg seconded. All in favor, so approved.*

The board discussed the abatement request received from the Shepards at GP042. They said for the past several years their camper was the wrong year, should have been assessed for less, and felt they overpaid their taxes and would like reimbursement. A comment was made that they should have grieved the assessed value when a change of appraisal notice was received or when they got their tax bill each year. The listers will take care of it going forward.

- *Cheryl Dunn motioned to deny the abatement request. Loretta Knight seconded, all in favor. So voted.*

Cheryl Dunn made a note that a trailer flagged as gone (GP049) and on the listers' December errors and omissions report had its taxes paid by the camper's new owners. It could be cashed to help offset abatements.

She also remarked that GP150, GP158, GP058, and potentially GP164 had trailers on site that may not be gone and recommended not to abate these at this time. The listers will determine owners when they canvass the parks more.

- *Cheryl Dunn motioned to abate GP113, GP069, GP036-A, and GP024. Connie Boutin seconded, all in favor. So abated.*

Summary on PF009 was given: the property owners purchased in January 2025 and did not receive a tax bill copy at closing. They paid the base amount but asked for abatement of the penalty of \$523.55 as they didn't know when taxes were due. Though it is a common occurrence at sales, where buyers or their representatives don't get the seller's property information, there was no error on behalf of the municipality.

- *Jim Hokenberg motioned to deny the request for this property. Loretta Knight seconded. All in favor, so voted.*

A request for KF030 was received from a property owner who used Priority 1-day mail to send taxes on April 9<sup>th</sup> and they did not arrive by the 10<sup>th</sup> due date. The option to pay with a card with a 2.65% surcharge was suggested by the town clerk but the postal service was instead utilized. A board member with a spouse who works for the postal service said they could get their money back for the cost of the shipment but not the penalty. This wasn't a municipal error.

- *Cheryl Dunn motioned to deny the request. Jim Hokenberg seconded the motion. All in favor, so voted.*

Danielle James Choiniere passed along a verbal request from taxpayers of ATH03 who forgot to pay their taxes but 'have been on time for 30 years'. They asked for the \$34.08 late fee to be waived. Terry Tatro said to be consistent with denying the other abatements [that didn't meet abating criteria], we shouldn't grant this one.

- *Terry Tatro motioned to deny this request. Loretta Knight seconded. All in favor, so voted.*

• **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

- *Cheryl Dunn motioned to approve March 25th's minutes. Loretta Knight seconded. All in favor, so approved.*

• **OTHER BUSINESS AS PRESENTED**

Nothing to present.

• **ADJOURN MEETING**

- *Cheryl Dunn motioned to adjourn at 6:42pm. Connie Boutin seconded, all in favor. So adjourned!*

Respectfully submitted -- Danielle James Choiniere

# ABATEMENT DISCUSSION 4/29/2025

PARCEL ID	NAME	REASON	AMOUNT	TAX YEAR
ATG17	Alexander Matheson	Gone? empty ✓	✓ \$764.79	2023-24
ATF07	Todd Blaisdell	Junked? empty ✓	✓ \$115.02	2024-25
ATD05	Pierre Hamel	Junked? noncollectible ✓	✓ \$68.96	2024-25
ATA14	Bob Stone	Gone? noncollectible ✓	✓ \$756.26	2024-25
ATC12	Ralph Hirschfeld	Junked? noncollectible ✓	✓ \$287.55	2024-25
ATH07	Christopher Holzwarth	Gone? noncollectible ✓	✓ \$172.53	2024-25
GP113	Jody Carr	Gone? noncollectible ✓	✓ \$1,129.03	2021-22
GP069	Kevin Packard	Gone? noncollectible ✓ sold 3091 Arnold Sherman?	✓ \$906.79	2023-24
GP150	Jessica Lawliss	Gone?	\$861.46	2024-25
GP158	Christopher Lagerstedt	Gone? on site	\$896.01	2022-23
GP164	Christopher Pelloni	Gone? TBD	\$509.54	2023-24
GP036-A	Al Summer	Gone? uncollectible ✓	✓ \$166.77	2024-25
GP024	Miles Sylvestre	Gone? uncollectible ✓	✓ \$43.14	2024-25
GP058	Crystal Berry	Gone? uncollectible	\$218.54	2024-25
		TOTAL:	\$6,896.39	
GP042	Donald & Sandra Shepard	Request received	TBD	various
PF009	Michael Holmes	Request received	\$523.55	2024-25 penalty
KF030	David Lachtrupp	Request received	\$386.60	2024-25 penalty
ATH03	Claude Pelletier	Request received via phone. Has paid their taxes timely for 30 years and forgot.	\$34.08+	2024-25 penalty

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\* need new owner  
\* collectible, need new owner

\*TBD

\*collectible on site

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GP049 Jeremy Youngman was on errors & omissions list as gone by 11/1/25 but funds were received by new owners so they weren't really gone.

