

Minutes
Dover Board of Abatement
Wednesday, April 8th, 2015
Dover Town Office at 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Dover Board of Abatement will meet at the Dover Town Offices on Route 100 in West Dover on Wednesday April 8th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider the requests of Raymond & Kathy Lee Bronson, Frank & Katherine Meehan and the Town of Dover for abatements of past taxes, penalties and interest and to consider any other business which may come before the board.

Present: Patricia Westlake, Victoria Capitani, Linda Holland, Cyndee Frere, Marli Gloeckner, Larry Feldstein, William "Buzzy" Buswell, Linda Sherman, Joseph Mahon, Thomas Baltrus, Andy McLean, Ray Bronson, Kathy Meehan.

1. Elect a chairman

Linda Holland nominates Larry Feldstein. Cyndee Frere seconds. Unanimous consent.

Chair calls for oaths, goes over the ground rules.

2. Consider request of Raymond & Kathy Lee Bronson for abatement of taxes, interest and penalty regarding property at 91 Antler Loop.

Ray Bronson, bought our house in 1995. Wife, Kathy Lee, disabled shortly thereafter. Have always paid the taxes. Ray got sick last year and was hospitalized for a number of weeks. Lost his job. Hasn't worked since November. Now healthy enough to work again. Anticipates being able to pay this year's taxes. Total owed is \$1,793.05.

Board will be in touch if documentation is required.

Board reconvened briefly on April 29th to accept additional documentation from Ray then, immediately entered deliberative session.

3. Consider request of Frank & Katherine Meehan for abatement of taxes, interest and penalty regarding property at 4 Johnson Hill Road. Kathy Meehan, we own a construction company. Lost a spec house in 2011. Put our house here on the market, but it's been a poor housing market. We live in New York. We've been making payments on the taxes with rental income from the subject property. Rents for \$20,000 per season but we don't see all of that. Two years ago Kathy diagnosed with cancer. Difficult financial situation, but business is starting to pick up. Would appreciate an abatement of any portion of the \$60,539.48 owed. House is currently listed for sale at \$659,000.

4. Consider abatement of taxes, interest and penalty for Town owned properties at 283 Blue Brook Road, 16 Tapping Tree Lane and a landlocked parcel near 60 Burchard Road.

Town acquired properties at tax sale. Housekeeping matter so that the Town does not owe itself taxes.

Board enters deliberative session on a motion by Larry Feldstein seconded by Andy McLean.

Hearing recessed on a motion by Buzzy Buswell, seconded by Linda Sherman.

Hearing reconvened: April 29th Additional documentation received from the Bronsons with no testimony and no questions from the Board. The Board immediately moves into deliberative session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Andrew R. McLean,
Dover Town Clerk

Larry Feldstein,
Chairman