

**Minutes**  
**Dover Board of Abatement**  
**Wednesday, July 8th, 2015**  
**Dover Town Offices at 6:00 p.m.**

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

The purpose of this meeting was to consider the request of Trip Morse for an abatement of past taxes, penalty and interest regarding property at 5 Morse Road and to consider any other business which may come before the board.

Present: Board: Andy McLean, Marco Tallini, Patricia Westlake, Victoria Capitani, Randall Terk, Lawrence Feldstein, Linda Holland, Joseph Mahon, and Thomas Baltrus. Listers: Linda Sherman, Alice Veraguth. Public: Trip, Bodil & Matilda Morse.

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm. Linda Holland nominated Lawrence Feldstein for Chair, seconded by Randall Terk. Vote: unanimous.

Chair goes over the ground rules and asks for the witness oath and Board of Abatement oath to be given.

Trip Morse testified outlining his family's long history with the Town and the property in question which was purchased in 1953. His father served on the Planning Commission. His grandfather served as Treasurer. Trip moved up with his family in the early 2000's.

It came to light recently that he was being taxed on 25 acres when in fact he owned 12 acres. The lower number was calculated by the computer tax map which the Town had commissioned in the 1980's. If the Town knew for all these years that his family was being over taxed, why was nothing done?

Alice Veraguth testified for the Listers that when a survey was discovered last year, they tried to address the situation. There was a

breakdown in communication between the Listers and the Select Board regarding this issue and the problem was not fixed.

Andy McLean questioned Alice regarding a report on acreage discrepancies compiled by the Town's mapping company in 2006 and the Listers' Handbook put out by the Vermont Dept. of Taxes.

On a motion by Victoria Capitani, seconded by Andy McLean, the Board moved into deliberative session.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

---

Andrew R. McLean,  
Dover Town Clerk

---

Larry Feldstein,  
Chairman