Board of Abatement Meeting§

August 12, 2021

6:00pm

Athens Town Office

Present were Kate Bova, Sandi Capponcelli, Janet Perry, David Bemis, Amber Stevens and Darlene Wyman.

David called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Sandi made the motion to elect David Bemis as chairperson. Seconded by Janet. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

David asked if there was a conflict of interest in any of the members. There was no conflict of interest.

David ministered the oath to Patricia Lentz.

Patricia asked for an abatement of the taxes, penalty and interest of her 2020 taxes under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a) 3). She presented the members with documents showing her income status. See copies in minutes.

David asked if the interest and penalties could be abated. Darlene stated the law was changed to include abating interest and penalties.

Kate asked if the state would be able to help. David answered no.

Sandi suggested Patricia contact the Campbell Committee to see they could help.

There being no further questions, David made the motion to go into deliberative session. Sandi seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

The board discussed Patricia did have the right under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3). They felt Patricia was unable to pay the taxes, interest and penalties at this time.

Sandi made the motion to abate Patricia Lentz’s 2020 taxes under 24 V.S.A. §1535(a)(3), the inability to pay her taxes at this time. Kate seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

There being no further business, David made the motion to adjourn. Sandi seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk