

**Minutes of the Board of Abatement
Monday December 2, 2024
28 North Main Street and via zoom**

Attendance: Karen Petrovic, Kane Sweeney, Alyssa Johnson, Linda Gravell, Bob Butler, Liz Schlegel, Alec Tuscany, Mary Woodruff, Mike Bard, Katrina VanTyne, Roger Clapp

Public Attendance: Marni Martens

Zoom: Jim Adams, Tom Buomomo

Approve Agenda: L. Gravell made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by K. VanTyne, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Public: none present

Derrick & Marni Martens – 1750 Shaw Mansion Road: L. Schlegel stated for the record the owners' names, Derrick and Marni Martens; Property address of 1750 Shaw Mansion Road and Parcel ID of 600-1750

L. Schlegel administered the oath ""Under the pains and penalties of perjury, do you solemnly swear that the evidence you give in the cause under consideration shall be the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" M. Martens stated I do.

L. Schlegel asked if any of the board had any conflict of interests; there were none

L. Schlegel asked if any of the board had any Exparte communication; there were none.

L. Schlegel invited M. Martens to ask any questions related to the process of this hearing and provided her an overview of what to expect. This included a timeline of a decision.

M. Martens stated she is applying for abatement based on Taxes or charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, charges interest and / or collection fees.

M. Martens reiterated many of the points she made in her letter to the board. M. Martens suffered a breach to her checking account and needed to discontinue her automatic withdrawal. She was out of town just before the due date. The Martens Warren Vermont tax bill was due on November 15th. She stated these were extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances.

The hearing was closed and will be discussed in Deliberative Session.

Thomas Buonomo – 111 Fuller Acres: L. Schlegel stated for the record the owners' name, Tom Buonomo; Property address of 111 Fuller Acres Drive and Parcel ID of 303-0111

L. Schlegel provided the applicant with information related to the process of requesting a Tax Abatement.

L. Schlegel administered the oath ""Under the pains and penalties of perjury, do you solemnly swear that the evidence you give in the cause under consideration shall be the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" T. Buonomo stated I do.

L. Schlegel asked if any of the board had any conflict of interests; there were none

L. Schlegel asked if any of the board had any Exparte communication; there were none.

T. Buonomo stated he is requesting abatement based on Taxes or charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, charges interest and / or collection fees.

T. Buonomo stated he typically takes care of his bills on the 1st of the month to settle anything outstanding during the month. He was hospitalized on November 2nd and was not released until the 11th, past the due date. He is still not able to drive as he remains in recovery from his surgery.

M. Bard asked about T. Buonomo wives' availability to settle the tax installment on behalf of the couple.

T. Buonomo stated he is the point person for bills and she was not aware of the installment.

Deliberative Session: Discussion followed in Deliberative session.

L. Gravell made a motion to deny the request for abatement from M. Martens. R. Clapp seconded the motion. A. Johnson made a friendly amendment to add "on the grounds of Taxes or charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, charges interest and / or collection fees." M. Bard seconded the amendment. A vote was held on the amended motion and passed unanimously.

K. Sweeney made a motion to deny the request for abatement from T. Buonomo on the grounds of Taxes or charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, charges interest and / or collection fees (?). The motion was seconded by B. Butler. Discussion followed with M. Bard stating he has great sympathy for this applicant having recently had medical issues himself. A vote was held and passed unanimously.

Adjourn: R. Clapp moved to adjourn. K. Sweeney seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.