

Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2018 (Unapproved)

Members Present: Nancy Ertle, Amy Peberdy, Neysa Russo, Chris Groschner, Kathy Chapman, Laurie Sheridan, Linda Weiss and Hal Drury

Guests: Leo Williams and Susan Fortunati- Delinquent Tax Collector

Meeting called to order at 6:25 pm

Organizational meeting: Amy nominated Tim O'Dell as chair of the Board of Abatement, Kathy seconded, the ayes have it.

Linda filled in as chair for this meeting.

Review of the minutes of May 23, 2017. Amy moved to accept them as presented, Linda seconded the ayes have it.

Susan spoke about the tax sale where the property sold for \$4200.00. She also told how the taxes, interest and penalties were broken down. The property would have to be redeemed by March 27th 2018. To settle accounts Leo Williams would have to pay \$1281.64 with the remainder coming from the escrow account which holds \$2918.36 from the bidding at tax sale. Susan spoke about the fees for tax sale.

Leo Williams spoke about his illness for the last 2 years and asked if we could wave the excess fees. He also stated that the Upper Valley Haven and two other organizations were going to cover the cost of his taxes and just wanted to try to get them down so the organizations didn't have to pay so much.

Susan said she spoke to VLCT and that the Board can't abate interest on the money from the tax sale. The buyer at tax sale needs to be made "whole".

Linda thanked Leo for coming and explained the board was going to go into deliberative session.

Back from deliberative session. Chris moved that we do not abate any of the taxes for Leo Williams, Laurie seconded. The ayes have it.

Any other business to come before the board, there was none.

Hal moved to adjourn the meeting, Amy seconded, the ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm