Board of Abatement April 3, 2023
Benson Town Office

Board Members Present: Ed Peltier, Tom Neumann, Lynn Bowen, Lois Trenn, Heidi Chandler, Jerod Glover, Thomas Bartholomew, Linda Peltier Guy Charleton, Brad Barrett, John Hill.

For the Appellant: Harrison L. Burney, and Yavonne Joyce-Smead and Elwin Smead

Others: Barbara Burlett, Delinquent Tax Collector, Ron Stewart, Terry Stewart, Adam Stewart, Jack Helm

Elect Chair

Heidi Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Ed Peltier moved to elect Lynn Bowen as Chair of the Board of Abatement. There were no further nominations. The motion was seconded by Lois Trenn and it was so voted.

Request for Abatement on Parcel 10-56 located at 2802 Stage Road and owned by Jacqueline Burney and Harrison L. Burney

The Chair heard testimony from the Listers concerning the dwelling that was destroyed on December 25, 2020. The Burney resident, located 2802 Stage Road, was destroyed by fire on December 25, 2020. The 2020-2021 property tax bill on the parcel was in the amount of $3,523.12. The Town Clerk received a request for abatement, and the hearing on the request was warned for 6:30 pm on April 3, 2023. The amount due of principal, penalty and interest as of March 30, 2023 for the property was $5038.04. The Listers determined the value after the dwelling was destroyed by fire, assessing taxes, penalty and interest to be $3805.74.

Request for Abatement on Parcel 5-24.1 located on 0 Turkey Farm Road and owned by Joyce-Smead and Elwin Smead

The board heard testimony from the Smeads providing a copy of their Title. Barb Burlett stated that her husband Daryl was the Delinquent tax collector in 2015 and that they are not required by law to send a tax bill to the new owners. Heidi Chandler quoted 32V.S.A. 3651.

Adjournment

Board entered deliberative session by a motion from Ed Peltier at 6:45 pm, seconded by Tom Neumann. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm on a motion from Ed Peltier with a second from Brad Barrett.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Chandler, Clerk