

Town of Fairfax



BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING MINUTES September 30, 2020

The duly warned Board of Abatement meeting was held on September 30, 2020 called to order by Peter Fitzgerald, Chair, at 3:30 p.m. It was through Zoom, at the Fairfax Town Office, 12 Buck Hollow Road, Fairfax, VT 05454 with Peter Fitzgerald; Peggy Gilbert; Gary Gilbert; Sue Mitchell; Randy DeVine; Judy Cleary; Sheri Rainville; Marjorie Ellsworth; Duane Leach; Steven Cormier; Pat McNall, Assessor; Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Brad Docheff, Town Manager present.

D. Woodward stated that the agenda hearing for Lee & Nicole Bates was requested for only the 2019/2020 property tax year in error. This hearing is for the 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 property tax year. P. Fitzgerald addressed the Board of Abatement on the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 property taxes of Lee & Nicole Bates, Parcel ID CV0010 at 10 Cherriville Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. This is taxes in which there is a mistake of the Listers. P. McNall represented Lee & Nicole Bates, stating that it was a Lister error for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. The Lister put nonresidential use on the wrong property resulting in a higher tax rate for both years. The error amount of \$100.47 consisted for 2018/2019 and \$142.53 for 2019/2020 giving the total abatement for the two years of \$243.00 The Board of Abatement voted to grant the abatement on 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 property taxes of Lee & Nicole Bates, Parcel ID CV0010 at 10 Cherriville Road, Fairfax, VT 05454 in the amount of \$100.47 for 2018/2019 and \$142.53 for 2019/2020 giving the total abatement of \$243.00 due to the Lister error on the two years of property taxes.

P. Fitzgerald addressed the Board of Abatement on the 2019/2020 property taxes of Judy S. Cleary, Parcel ID CL0027A at 27 Cleary Road Ste 101, Cambridge, VT 05444 at 3:30 p.m. This is taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year. J. Cleary requested a refund in the amount of \$334.69. Her home was destroyed by fire on March 8, 2020. Judy worked with Pat our Assessor. The duplex was calculated at 50% for four months. There was discussion and reviewed by the Board on the letter that Pat has given to Judy with figures of how they calculated the amount to be refunded. The Board asked to have a copy on file in the back of the Grand List with the rest of the abatement paperwork. The Board of Abatement voted to grant the abatement on 2019/2020 property taxes of Judy S. Cleary, Parcel ID CL0027A at 27 Cleary Road Ste 101, Cambridge, VT 05444 in the amount of \$334.69 due to the personal property destroyed during the tax year.

S. Mitchell made the motion to adjourn and seconded by G. Gilbert. The motion was carried with all members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



Sheri Rainville
Select Board



Attested on October 2, 2020
Deborah Woodward
Town Clerk/Treasurer