

TOWN OF WESTON
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**Board of Abatement (BOA) Hearing Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7:00 pm**

Present: Wayne Granquist (Chair), Kim Seymour (Clerk), Denis Benson, Greg Carroll, Dan Hanenburg, (via zoom), Bill Hoyt, Marguerite Mason (via zoom), Donna Taranko-Moulton

Absent: Charles Goodwin, Jim Linville

Public: Morgan Hart (Collector of Delinquent Taxes)

1. The Hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm
2. The Board reviewed the abatement request for the property located at 101 Johnson Hill Road, parcel #100181.00, from Chris and Renee Hile. In their letter to the BOA, received November 3, 2023, they asked for abatement of the penalty and interest. They had written that they mailed their check in August and were not aware it hadn't been received by the town until they received their delinquent tax notice. Motion to move into deliberative session by Dan Hanenburg with a 2nd by Bill Hoyt; all in favor.
3. Decision – Motion to move out of deliberative session by Bill Hoyt with a 2nd by Greg Carroll; all in favor. The BOA determined it could not abate due to the request not meeting any of the allowable criteria for abatement. Motion to deny the request by Bill Hoyt with a 2nd by Greg Carroll; all in favor. The Clerk was directed to send letter to the property owners advising them that the request for abatement has been denied due to not meeting the allowable criteria.
4. Discussion of tabulator and sending initial response letters. While waiting for the 2nd abatement applicant to arrive, the Clerk advised BOA that the tabulator would be used on March 5th for the Presidential Primary at no cost to the town. Discussion on whether or not Clerk should send an initial response letter once receiving a request for abatement. Ms. Yrsha suggested using the form to request specifics of what they are asking for along with the allowable criteria. Discussion resulted in determination that the Clerk should not send initial response letter.
5. The Board reviewed the abatement request for the property located at 722 Main Street, parcel #20503500 from Siddhivinayka, LLC (Weston Marketplace). In the email received November 14, 2023 from Mehul Dholakia, he requested the abatement of taxes due to the July 2023 flooding of his property and the shut-down of his business. Motion to move into deliberative session by Bill Hoyt with a 2nd by Greg Carroll; all in favor.
6. Decision – Motion to move out of deliberative session by Bill Hoyt with a 2nd by Greg Carroll; all in favor. The BOA determined that it could abate a portion of the 2023 taxes (paid in full) due to the damage to the property. Motion by Donna Taranko-Moulton to abate half the year's taxes in the amount of \$2,228.73; all in favor. The Clerk was directed to advise the the owner of the same
7. The Hearing was adjourned at 7:29 pm; motion by Bill Hoyt and a 2nd by Lisa Yrsha; all in favor.

The Hearing was both in-person at the Weston Town Office and via zoom with the link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6449592737>