

## **Board of Abatement**

**11/10/2021**

The Board of Abatement met at 5:30 pm in the Town Office building for request of abatement hearings.

Present were: Selectboard Member & Chair of BCA Kevin Oddy, Selectboard member Frank Empsall, Selectboard member Dennis Smith, Town Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Jewell, Anne Cosgrove, Diane Holmes, Robert Holmes, Stephanie Churchill, David Brown, Jim Courchesne, Will Rivers, Durward Ellis, Donald Smith, Assessor Matt Krajeski, Fire Chief Chris Olsen, Lescha Carpenter, and Brandon Sarazin.

Meeting was opened by Kevin Oddy. Oaths were given to board member and Lescha Carpenter. Kevin Oddy went over the process of the hearing and the reasons for abatement.

### **Lescha Carpenter, 482 Concord Ave, Parcel ID242043**

Assessor Matt Krajeski stated the property has been flagged for reassessment for the 2022 grand list, and owner should have filed a grievance for 2021 when she purchased the property. She missed the deadline for the current year. He also stated the property sold for \$100,000 in 2019 so the \$101,000 assessment was within the listed market value.

Lescha Carpenter stated they purchased the property in March of 2021 for \$40,000 from the bank. The assessed value is \$101,000. She asked for the abatement based on Manifest error or a mistake of the listers. They would like to make improvements to the property without having to displace the tenant and would like this to be looked at as a special circumstance. She gave a list of estimates from a contractor totaling up to \$110,000. She presented the settlement statement showing the price paid of \$44,870 for the property.

Fire Chief Olsen stated the building is great disrepair and should be inhabitable but there is a tenant living in it.

David Brown asked how much of the taxes is being asked to be abated. Lescha stated it would be the difference in the value and what they paid. About 1/3 or \$2185.50.

On a motion by Will Rivers, seconded by Frank Empsall to enter deliberative session.

On a motion by Dennis Smith, seconded by Frank Empsall the board came out of deliberative session.

On a motion by Will Rivers, seconded by Frank Empsall the request for abatement on the property was denied, there was not an error, the owner needs to go through the grievance process.

On a motion by Stephanie Churchill seconded by Anne Cosgrove the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by: Stacy Jewell \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by: Kevin Oddy \_\_\_\_\_