

TOWN OF BARRE - TAX GRIEVANCE HEARING

October 2, 2018

AGENDA

(This meeting is being audio taped.)

1. Reconvene the 2018-2019 Tax Grievance Hearing 6:30 p.m.
2. Amend the Agenda
3. Role Call
4. Approve the Tax Grievance Hearing minutes of August 8 and September 4, 2018.
5. Receive the Inspection Committee Reports.
6. Other Business:
 - A) Enclosed in the BCA packet is a copy of the approved town-wide "Conflict of Interest Policy." This policy is applicable to all elected officials. Be sure to place the policy in the SOP binder.
 - B.) Abatement and BCA Checklist Update meetings for October 31st or November 1st.
 - C) The next election is November 6, 2018 for the General Election and Special School vote. School ballots will be available by mid-October.
7. Adjourn the tax grievance hearing for 2018-2019.

TAX GRIEVANCE HEARING MINUTES

October 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Paul Malone reconvened the Tax Grievance Hearing on this 2nd day of October 2018 at 6:32 p.m.

ROLE CALL - The following members were present: Chair Paul Malone, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Jeff Blow, Pearl Bugbee, William Bugbee, Charles Castle, JP Isabelle, Norma Malone, Robert Nelson, Edward Paquin, Virginia Poplawski, Dottye Ricks (arrived at 6:42 p.m.), Christopher Violette, R. Lee Walther, Shelia Walther, Paul White, and Tom White. Those absent: Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, and Jay Perkins.

THE AGENDA was accepted as printed.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Pearl Bugbee, seconded by Chip Castle, the meeting minutes for August 8, 2018 were approved with minor grammatical and spelling corrections. Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Jay Perkins and Dottye Ricks were not present for the vote.

On a motion by JP Isabelle, seconded by William Bugbee, the meeting minutes for September 4, 2018 were approved with minor grammatical and spelling corrections. Castle, Nelson, Paul White, and Tom White abstained from voting as they did not attend the meeting. Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Jay Perkins and Dottye Ricks were not present for the vote.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

On a motion by JP Isabelle, seconded by Nelson, the Tax Grievance Board voted unanimously to waive the reading of the inspection reports. Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Jay Perkins and Dottye Ricks were not present for the vote.

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On a motion by Lee Walther, seconded by Sheila Walther, the Tax Grievance Board voted to go into deliberative session to discuss the three appeals of Michael & Flormelin Bilodeau. Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Jay Perkins and Dottie Ricks were not present for the vote.

On a motion by JP Isabelle, seconded by Norma Malone, the Tax Grievance Board voted to come out of deliberative session at 7:30 p.m. Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, and Jay Perkins were not present for the vote.

ACTION TAKEN ON APPEALS

The Clerk read for the record the decisions made by the Tax Grievance Board.

In deliberative session a motion was made and duly seconded to deny the appeal of Michael & Flormelin Bilodeau, Span #039-012-12663, property located at 128 Richardson Road, citing the taxpayer did not produce sufficient evidence to support a reduction in value; therefore said property value will remain at \$71,500.00.

In deliberative session a motion was made and duly seconded to deny the appeal of Michael & Flormelin Bilodeau, Span #039-012-13630, property located at 744 East Barre Road, citing the taxpayer did not produce sufficient evidence to support a reduction in value; therefore said property value will remain at \$162,000.00.

In deliberative session a motion was made and duly seconded to deny the appeal of Michael & Flormelin Bilodeau, Span #039-012-10376, property located at 770 East Barre Road, citing the taxpayer did not produce sufficient evidence to support a reduction in value; therefore said property value will remain at \$220,110.00.

OTHER BUSINESS

By July 1, 2019 all municipalities must adopt a town-wide Conflict of Interest Policy. The Selectboard put together an ad-hoc committee. Each Board/Commission/Committee provided a representative. Lee Walther represented the BCA and Selectboard member Malone chaired the group. Those present were reminded this policy has primacy over other conflict policies which currently exist. A policy was drafted and approved by Selectboard. Each member was provided a copy as it is applicable to all Board/Commission/Committee and elected official in Barre Town.

The Clerk stated the next meeting is for a checklist update meeting (for the November 6, 2018 elections) and an abatement meeting. The BCA has stated they prefer Wednesday night meetings. However, the meeting date would fall on Halloween. The Clerk is inquiring if the BCA would like to hold these meetings on Thursday, November 1st instead of the holiday.

On a motion by JP Isabelle, seconded by Dottie Ricks, the BCA voted to hold their next meeting for checklist update and abatement on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, and Jay Perkins were not present for the vote.

The abatement meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by the checklist update.

Bring your calendars to the November 1st meeting. It is time to put together the meeting calendar for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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A question arose regarding the recently approved Abatement Income/Expense form. There may need to be a minor change to Heating Expense line. Since this is an actionable item and was not warned it will be placed on the November 1st BCA meeting agenda.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by JP Isabelle, the Tax Grievance Hearing was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, and Jay Perkins were not present for the vote.

Submitted by:

*Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer
Clerk of the Board*

(See next page for Oaths)

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OATH OF BOARD MEMBERS

Commencing August 8, 2018

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly hear and determine all matters at issue between taxpayers and Assessor submitted for my decision. So help me God (or under the pains and penalties of Perjury).

Name	Signature
Jeff Blow	x <i>Jeff Blow</i> 9-4-2018
Pearl Bugbee	x <i>Pearl Bugbee</i>
William Bugbee	x <i>William Bugbee</i>
Charles "Chip" Castle	x <i>Chip Castle</i>
Jeanne Danielle DANIELE	x <i>Jeanne Danielle</i>
J. Guy Isabelle	x <i>J. Guy Isabelle</i>
JP Isabelle	x <i>JP Isabelle</i>
Donna J. Kelty	x <i>Donna J. Kelty</i>
Norma Malone	x <i>Norma Malone</i>
Paul Malone	x <i>Paul Malone</i>
W. John "Jack" Mitchell	x <i>W. John Mitchell Jack</i>
Bob Nelson	x <i>Bob Nelson</i>
Edward Paquin	x <i>Edward Paquin</i>
Jay Perkins	x <i>Jay Perkins</i>
Virginia Poplawski	x <i>Virginia Poplawski</i>
Christopher Violette	x <i>Christopher Violette</i>
R. Lee Walther	x <i>R. Lee Walther</i>
Sheila Walther	x <i>Sheila Walther</i>
Paul White	x <i>Paul White</i>
Tom White	x <i>Tom White</i>

Dottie Ricks

x *Dottie R. Ricks*