

BOARD OF ABATEMENT HEARING MINUTES.
JULY 23RD, 2024
RODEWALD (HEIDI SKINNER)

The Board of Abatement met in person at the Sharon Town Offices, at 7PM.

Members Present:

Lister: Galen Mudgett Jr.
Justices of the Peace: John Lanza, Nara Moore, Victoria Fullerton
Treasurer: Deborah Jones
Selectboard: Kevin Gish
Town Clerk: Catherine Sartor

Applicants present:

Heidi Skinner (Estate Administrator)

Member of the public present:

Kenneth Skinner (husband to Heidi Skinner)
Hillary Rodewald (Sister to Heidi Skinner)

Deborah Jones made a motion to elect Kevin Gish as Chair, Catherine Sartor 2nd. Motion carried.

Oaths were signed and notarized appropriately.

Kevin Gish opened the meeting at 7:05PM and presented:

Tonight's Board of Abatement hearing is for the property owned by Steven Rodewald, located at 167 Cowslip Hill Rd, Sharon Vt. 05065.
Parcel ID R02360.R

Chair Kevin Gish asked the members of the Board to disclose any conflicts of interest or ex parte communication with the applicant, and if so, they should recuse themselves from the hearing. No conflicts were disclosed.

The Chair, Kevin Gish asked the applicant if she had received a copy of the rules of procedure, and she replied yes and had no questions.

Kevin Gish further requested the applicant present which statutory criteria her request fell under, per the requirements of the application. Heidi read from checked box #3. Taxes or charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, charges, interest and/or collection fees. 24 V.S.A § 1535(a)(3).

Kevin Gish then explained the next steps and opened the hearing up for the applicants to present.

Heidi Skinner explained the history of her family property, dynamics within the family trust, and their opinion on Historic value. She went on to say that although her father's property is for sale, they are being particular about who purchases the property as they would not like to see it developed.

Heidi noted that they were recently notified that there was a Lister error on the valuation of the property.

She requested that the board remove retroactively, the taxes on value of a cabin charged to her father's property incorrectly dating back to 2019 when the property subdivided, due to divorce.

Heidi asked if the board could give the family more time to sell the property by slowing the tax sale process.

Cathy Sartor explained that the board did not have the authority to alter the course of any tax sale. Kevin Gish concurred.

Chair Kevin Gish ended the hearing at 7:32PM. The Board of Abatement then entered a deliberative session.

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