Minutes of the Meeting
TOWN OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF ABATEMENT
September 3, 2018

Present: Jean Strong Alice Nitka Linda Tucker
Herb VanGuilder Bruce Schmidt Brett Sanderson
Logan Nicoll Heather Tucker Mark Gauthier – Lister
Margot Martell – Lister Ulla Cook – Town Clerk/Treasurer

Call to order – 6:50PM by Chair Jean Strong

Scott Humphrey – Parcel 220126.000 interest and penalty $144.17
Property owner indicated he had emergency surgery at the time the tax payment was due therefore he was late. He stated in his letter that he has the financial ability to pay but feels this fall under sub-section 3 of V.S.A. 1535 which states "Taxes of persons who are are unable to pay their taxes, interest and collection fees." The Board disagreed with his interpretation stating that unable to pay taxes means you do not have the money to pay and not because you were sick or in the hospital. They did not want this to be a precedent. Alice Nitka made a motion to deny the abatement, second by Brett Sanderson. No further discussion. The motion was voted and passed unanimously. Bruce Schmidt recused himself stating there is a conflict.

Mary Jane O'Hara – Parcel 230524.000 - fire 4/27-6/30 $355.20
7/1/18-6/30/19 $2,507.46
Motion made by Herb VanGuilder to abate $355.20 for the time period 4/27- 6/30 and $2,507.46 for the period 7/1/18-6/30/19. The listers have reduced the value to $56,700 for next year which is land value, driveway and water and sewer. Bruce Schmidt asked what happens if the house is renovated and the response from the listers was it will be assessed for what is there as of April 1. No further discussion. The motion to abate $355.20 and $2,507.46 was voted and passed unanimously.

Terrianne Stryhas – Parcel 230662.008 mobile home removed 10/5/17. Asked to abate $121.98 including interest and penalty.
She took possession in October 2017 and had the mobile home disassembled and removed. The taxes were paid for the first quarter. Motion made by Bruce Schmidt to abate $121.98, second by Logan Nicoll. Herb Vanguilder asked if there was a mobile home there now and the answer was no. No further discussion. The motion to abate $121.98 was voted and passed unanimously.

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ulla Cook, Town Clerk