

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

ABATEMENT HEARING

Wednesday January 31st, 2024 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Present: Mariah Cilley, Becky Hoyt, Michael McPhetres, Margaret Rogers, Amy Frost, Fred Pond, Darlene Miller, Helen O'Donnell, Nico Bardin

Chair Mariah Cilley calls the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Marie Mix- Whitney Hill Road

Nico Bardin is representing Marie Mix. He gives testimony stating that the town had the incorrect address on file and that they never received their tax bill. Once they were reminded by Mix's mother that tax's were due, they requested a tax bill from Clerk Cilley. This was on November 15th. They are requesting an abatement for the late fees due to an error of the town for having the incorrect address on file. The delinquent tax letter was sent to the address that the tax bill was sent to and this was received. O'Donnell asks if they had corresponded with the previous owner Frank Durkee. They paid his outstanding bill after they had purchased the property in September of 2022. This year was the first year paying the bill in full. Miller pulls the property transfers that the listers received when the property was purchased. The address that was given by Mix was the address in New York. This is the mailing address that the town uses for any correspondence.

Miller makes a motion to move into executive session. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved.

Executive session entered at 6:12pm.

Executive session ended at 6:20pm.

McPhetres motions to deny abatement request. Miller seconds. All aye. So moved. Decision was based off of the fact that the property owners had paid the taxes the previous year before and knew that taxes were due in November, as well as the fact that the delinquent letter was sent to their address in New York and was received. The listers were using the mailing address provided by the owner of the property, and it had not been updated by the owner until after the delinquent letter was received.

McPhetres moves to end the meeting. O'Donnell seconds. All aye. So moved. Meeting ended at 6:21pm.

