

Board of Abatement Meeting  
20 December 2023  
6:00 PM  
Town Office at Isle La Motte School and via Zoom

In Attendance: Mary LaBrecque, Deborah Spaulding Allen Hall, Cathy Tudhope, Vickie Buswell, Marie D'Angelo, Cary Sandvig, Debbie Langlois, Sylvia Jensen, Anne Jobin-Picard, Joe Deller, Michael Frett (*The Islander*), Mary-Catherine Graziano (via Zoom), Bobby Dean (via Zoom), Jen Wayboda (via Zoom), Charles Gurney (via Zoom) Carmine Centrella (via Zoom), Pat Treckman (via Zoom), Alex Montagne (via Zoom), Steve Foley (via Zoom), Andrea Carbone

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Cathy Tudhope.
2. **Additions to agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.
3. **Act on Abatement Requests from the Delinquent Tax Collector:** Delinquent Tax Collector Mary LaBrecque reviewed the abatement requests for the period. A copy of the abatement requests will be attached as an exhibit to the minutes.
  - Seven camping parcels are deemed eligible for tax abatement, six of which were removed by Errors + Omissions this year but were removed after the tax bills had been issued, they should have never been billed. This was due to a change in ownership at the campground. The total amount of the abatements related to camping parcels is \$2,216.96.
  - Several small tax bills amounting to \$5.00 or less were requested stricken as per the past policy of removing any amounts under the five-dollar amount. The total amount to be abated for small tax bills outstanding is \$24.22.
  - A resident was charged \$24.82 in interest due to a late tax payment that was later confirmed to have been mailed during the time when the office was closed.
  - A motion to approve the abatement requests was made by Deborah Spaulding, seconded by Cathy Tudhope, all in favor.
4. **Act on Requests for Fees on Late Tax Payments to be Waived:**
  - A request has been made by a resident who was forty-five minutes late making their online tax payment to waive the late fee as the 8:00 PM deadline instituted in 2013 was not at any time officially announced by mail to residents. The time was posted on Facebook and in the three public notice locations this year, but was not noted on the actual tax bill or online.
  - A check received with no postmark on the envelope was received after the tax deadline, this resident is also requesting late fees be waived.
  - The Board members entertained questions from the public, including Sylvia Jensen and Joe Deller, regarding the 8:00 PM deadlines. The Board of Listers will investigate whether the time can be added to the bill in 2024 for increased awareness. Ultimately, it was confirmed that exceptions cannot be made and that residents are provided ample notification of the due date for taxes.
  - A motion to deny the requests was made by Deborah Spaulding, seconded by Cary Sandvig, all in favor.
5. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM, motioned by Allen Hall, seconded by Cathy Tudhope, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted on 23 December 2023 -  
Andrea Carbone

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Mary LaBrecque

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Allen Hall

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Vickie Buswell

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Mary-Catherine Graziano

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Deborah Spaulding

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Cathy Tudhope

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Marie D'Angelo

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Cary Sandvig

**Campers**

10055	24.34
11435	471.52
11456	363.26
11462	262.86
11498	358.64
11470	264.82
11435	471.52
Total	\$2216.96

**Small amounts**

02084	4.53
10005	3.39
10259	4.00
10670	4.52
10764	4.14
10919	3.64

**Total \$24.22**

**Edith Plouffe**

**24.82 (Oct 11 Interest)**