

Town of West Windsor
Board of Abatement
November 25, 2014

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING – NOVEMBER 25, 2014 – 6:30 PM

PRESENT:

Justices: Nancy Gaynor, Shannon Harrington, Genevieve Lemire, Pauline Ouelette,
Listers: Annie Burke
Selectboard: Tom Kenyon, Glenn Seward
Town Clerk
& Treasurer: Cathy Archibald

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Glenn Seward at 6:30 PM.

The first item of business was to review an abatement request. Glenn asked the clerk to read the letter to the board.

Cathy said the request was from John Holstein who owns land on Bible Hill Road. The property is located opposite where Donna Van Fleet lives. The letter is dated November 10, 2014. The letter reads as follows: To Whom It May Concern: Upon receiving a delinquent tax collectors notice from the Town of West Windsor I investigated to see why I had incurred a penalty of \$437.00 and interest of \$54.67. On Wednesday, October 2014 I sent a check 2-Day Priority mail through USPS. It should have been delivered on Friday, October 31, 2014; however, my payment wasn't delivered until Saturday, November 1, 2014.

With the full intention of paying my taxes in a timely manner I ask of you to please consider waiving the penalty and interest. Enclosed you will find the receipt for the 2-Day mail as well as the tracking details, both from USPS. If you have any questions please call my office at (860) 536-4855.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Cathy said he attached the receipt from the post office showing it went out on October 29th but the tracking shows it got to White River Junction on October 31st at 6:08 PM.

Tom asked what time he mailed it.

Cathy replied 12:45 PM on October 29th.

Tom replied to late. He should have mailed it on the 28th.

Glenn made a motion to deny the request for abatement. The motion was seconded by Nancy.

Glenn asked if there was any discussion on the matter.

Shannon said just curious is he the only one that was late.

Cathy replied oh no.

Tom said just to remind everyone it's the voters that set the date and the time.

Genevieve said even if he did it 2-Day Priority mail his issue is with the post office not with us because they are responsible to get something there.

Nancy said why not send it a week earlier.

Tom said you can't even count that part of the day he's counting.

Glenn said I think you will find on 2-Day delivery to a small post office like this there is find print that indicates a best effort will be made to get it there.

Nancy said people should use federal express.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Glenn said the next item of business is the approval of the April 29, 2014 minutes.

Cathy read the names of the people present at the April 29th meeting and what the meeting was about.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Polly and passed on a voice vote.

Tom made the motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Nancy seconded the motion and passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Archibald
Town Clerk