



Tax Abatement Committee Organizational Meeting and 1st hearings of season. 9/5/2019

Board of Tax Abatement

September 5, 2019

Minutes

Committee Members: Councilors Chip Mason (CM) (Chair); Sharon Busher (SB); Perri Freeman (PF).

Others Present: Richard Haesler (RH), City Attorney's Office; Kenneth Nosek (KN), Committee Administrator (City Assessor's Office); John Vickery, Advisor to Committee and City Assessor; Jeffrey Herwood, A/R Team Coordinator; Traci Paquette, Accounts Receivable & Receipts Specialist.

Public Members and Petitioners Present: Cindi Wight, Director Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront

Petitioners Not Present: Andrew Savage (phone conversation during hearing)

At **5:37** p.m. Chair Mason commenced the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion to adopt by **SB**

Second by **PF** – passed unanimous

Approval of minutes of - - - -:

Motion to adopt by

Second by – passed **NO minutes to approve**



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Public Forum:

None

Petitioners:

Cindi Wight, Director Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, 031-3-014-000, **121 Appletree Point Rd.**

1. Received land as gift from Pomerleau family.
2. Paid taxes from money donated for land because property value fixed as of April 1st of each year.
3. Parks prefers not to tap into the donation.
4. In the transfer agreement process Pomerleau was willing to make only the first and second tax payments.
5. Parks received a \$50,000 gift "to support costs related to receipt of this gift, as well as any future maintenance needs . . ."
6. Total request for abatement is \$5,297.90

Recommendation of Committee:

to abate penalties and interest

motion to abate **CM**

Second by **SB**

Motion passed unanimous **3-0**

Andrew Savage, 044-2-145-401, 35 Cherry St, Unit 401

1. Family did not understand father's financials when he died and thus the family made 2 payments late.
2. Total request for abatement is \$121.68 (only a portion of total late fee).
3. August 12 paid in full, November paid late, and March paid late, and June paid on time.
4. C/T position is deny abatement request.



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Recommendation of Committee:

to deny abatement with understanding taxpayer not provided evidence of being manifestly unjust, illegal or uncollectible.

Motion to deny abatement **CM**

Second by **SB**

Motion passed unanimous **3-0**

Executive Session

Motion **CM**

Second **SB**

Motion passes **3-0**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion - **CM**

Second - **SB**

Motion passes **3-0**

Motion passed **3-0** – meeting adjourned at **6:48** p.m.