

**TOWN OF KILLINGTON
BOARD OF ABATEMENT
Hearing of August 22, 2017**

Present: **Board Members:** Chris Bianchi, Sally Bridges, Chuck Hughes,
Walter J. Findeisen, Eileen Godfrey, Chris Karr, Ken Lee, Pat Linnemayr, Patty
McGrath, M.B. Neisner, Peggy Neisner, Judy Storch and Lucrecia Wonsor

Appellants: Deborah Schwartz, Town Manager/Delinquent Tax Collector
Heidi Bomengen, President of The Woods at Killington Homeowners Association
Vince Wynn, Treasurer of The Woods at Killington Homeowners Association

Walter J. Findeisen, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Chris Bianchi moved to approve the Agenda. Patty McGrath seconded. All in favor.

Patty McGrath moved to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2017. Ken Lee seconded. Carried

Hearing of Parcel #12369 per Delinquent Tax Collector – Delinquent Tax Collector, Deborah Schwartz, advised that she was trying to clear up an administrative error that was discovered 10 years ago but never corrected. Parcel #12369 owned by William Kranichfeld and Parcel #12724 owned by Henry Kranichfeld were reversed in the Grand List and in 2008 the Town was notified of this error by the attorney for the property owners. The error was acknowledged by the Town in 2009 and although the Grand List was corrected, the correction was not made in the Tax Administration software and subsequent tax bills were never sent to the correct taxpayer. This resulted in the owners of Parcel #12369 not being credited for tax payments they made in 2007. In the meantime, Parcel #12724 sold and Henry Kranichfeld passed away. The current owners have been current on their taxes since they purchased the property in July 2008. Outside of the arrearages for 2007, taxes on Parcel #12369 are paid current through June 30, 2017. After reviewing the documents and file notes on this matter, the Delinquent Tax Collector determined that the arrearage is false and respectfully requested that the principal and interest from 2007 on Parcel #12369 be abated.

Decision – Motion was made by Patty McGrath to abate all remaining principal and interest from 2007 for Parcel #12369. Chris Bianchi seconded. All in Favor. Carried

Hearing of The Woods at Killington Homeowners Association – Heidi Bomengen, President of the Woods at Killington Homeowners Association explained that the Association acquired Parcels #10667 & 10832 as a result of a Tax Sale held by the Sherburne Fire District in May, 2016. She further explained that these “parcels” were only development rights and not actual land and that these development rights expired in July, 2010 per the Declaration of Condominium and consequently had no value. In May, 2017 members of the Association’s Board went before the Killington Board of Listers to appeal the taxes for 2017 associated with these parcels. Upon hearing this argument, the Board of Listers agreed and reduced the assessed value for these parcels to \$0.00. For this reason the Association believes these “parcels” were erroneously taxed and respectfully requested that all past due and accruing taxes, interest and collector’s commissions be abated.

Decision – Motion was made by Chris Bianchi to abate all past due and accruing taxes, interest and collector’s commissions on Parcels #10667 and 10832. All in Favor. Carried.

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Patty McGrath moved to adjourn at 3:55 pm. Ken Lee seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucrecia Wonsor
Killington Town Clerk