

## Mount Holly Board of Abatement Hearing Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 4:00pm & 4:30pm

**Board of Abatement Members Present** Diana Garrow, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Mary Surething, Ann Hansen, Millicent Johnson, Marc Miller, Elizabeth Karle, Mark Turco, Bridgid Sullivan, Daniel Connor, Robert Herbst

At the Mount Holly Town Office, Diana called the first meeting to order:

Attendance & oath paperwork was signed by Board of Abatement members present. Elizabeth Karle set up the Zoom Meeting and explained the public meeting bylaws.

### **First Abatement:**

Cheryl Lienhard for 59 Nichols Road in Mount Holly and property ID#10C5054.01. Cheryl signed the Witness Oath.

Diana read the paperwork submitted by Cheryl. See Attached. Cheryl explained why she was seeking abatement indicating the property tax bill did not reflect the actual current status of the house and garage and as of 9-9-2023 as there was no well or septic per the recorded Revocable License. It was explained that the well and septic for the subject property are physically located on other land of Cheryl Lienhard.

Several questions from the present members were answered by Cheryl. Including the date of the property transfer to her from Jeffery Lienhard, Jr. Estate, 4-16-2024. The property was taxed to the owner of record as of 4-1-2024. The building used as a dwelling has been recently torn down, the garage remains. The Estate administrator could have authorized someone to grieve the assessed valuation during the scheduled hearings. It was stated that a new assessed value would be determined for the property for next tax year 2025, since it is now contiguous with 2004 Belmont Rd. owned by Cheryl Lienhard and Ted Stryhas.

Diana asked if there was anything additional Cheryl would like to add or if there were any additional questions. Everyone agreed they had no further questions.

The board entered a deliberative session. At 4:30 the session was suspended to hear the Second Abatement request.

### **Second Abatement:**

Linda Miller for John Miller at 1045 Gates Rd S in Mount Holly and property ID#06G3145.00 (Listed as Lois Miller, Estate) Linda signed the Witness Oath.

Recording restarted and Diana called the meeting to order.

Diana read the paperwork submitted by Linda. See Attached. Linda explained why she was seeking abatement. John is in hospice without current income and declining income

for the previous years. She was asking that the town consider his imminent demise to abate all or a portion of his taxes.

There were questions about ownership. Although issued in 2015, the decree was only recently recorded. It deeded the property to John Miller and his two siblings. John has deeded his one third interest to his two sons, keeping a life estate. Linda stated that John's two siblings would be deeding their shares to John and those documents are expected soon. John has paid the taxes himself all these years.

Diana asked if there was anything additional Linda would like to add or if there were any additional questions. Everyone agreed they had no further questions.

The board entered a deliberative session. David Johnson made a motion to abate \$590.49, the Municipal Tax. Second by Millicent Johnson. Unanimously Passed.

**First Abatement continued:**

After the Second meeting Diana requested a motion on the Cheryl Lienhard request. Bridgid Sullivan motioned to deny, seconded by Elizabeth Karle. Unanimously denied.

**Adjourn:** at 5:05pm



Carol A. Garrow-Woolley, Town Clerk



Diana L. Garrow, Chair