

Tax Abatement Hearing Furlan

Date: 04/12/2023

Hearing Time: 4:00 p.m.

Present: Lisa Brooks, Susannah Loffredo, Lindsey MacCuaig, Betsy Reddy, Jim Reddy, Val Taylor, Ann Singiser, Al Wakefield – BOA members, Nancy Gondella – Town Clerk, Jesse Bridge – Secretary/Assistant Town Clerk, Audra Abatiell Fairbanks(sister of appellant and Executor), Mark Furlan(ex-husband of Helvi) – Representation for Appellant.

Call to Order: Nancy called the meeting to order at 4:05 and asked to nominate a chair for the board. Motion to nominate Nancy by A. Singiser 2nd by L. MacCuaig. All were in favor.

Case Introduction: Nancy introduced the property as Helvi Abatiell Furlans property. Nancy explained that the house burned down due to a fire and that sadly Helvi lost her life in the fire. Nancy presented the application to the board with the reasons Audra is asking for an abatement, the lister card, the tax bill, detailed printout of what is currently due on the property with some calculations to help see the different options available to abate (marked exhibit T1). Nancy explains that Spencer has already lowered the assessment to \$104,600 for the land, outbuilding, and site improvements.

Appellant Testimony: Nancy also distributed a letter Audra wrote which is asking the board to waive the delinquent taxes, interest and penalties for the FY2023 tax year and any other applicable fees.

Discussion: Nancy explains that the balance on the property \$973.78 and the board will be deciding how much of that they are going to require to be paid. The board expressed condolences to Audra and Mark for their loss. Mark wanted to clarify the date taxes were due was March 13, which means Helvi died 5 days after the due date. Nancy confirmed that is correct and she explained that the penalty and interest are applied immediately after the due date passes but the penalty is a one-time fee and interest accrues on the balance every month thereafter.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 4:17pm.

Date approved _____

Nancy Gondella - Town Clerk

Jesse Bridge - Secretary