

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2015

Upon due notice to each member of the Board and Philip Paini & Alma Twombly as POA, tax payer requesting an abatement, the Board met at the Bethel Town Office on April 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Those present were Jean Burnham, Clerk & Treas.; Bill Hall & Lisa Hill, Selectboard ; Louise Ferris-Burt, Lister; David Eddy, Ola O'Dell, Nick Nikolaidis, Ola O'Dell, Eric Benson and Scott Putney, Justices; and Alma Twombly. Necessary oaths were given.

Bill Hall, Chairman explained the procedure and then asked Alma Twombly, who was representing Philp Paini, who is the owner of the property a 464 S. Main St. , to explain his request for an abatement.

Alma explained that Phil had had a stroke in 2011 and had not been able to work since then. The only income he has is Soc. Sec. of which some of that is used for the mortgage payment. She was only asking that the penalties and interest that have been assessed since 2011 be abated. This amounts to \$3,986.26. She said they have been paying off what they can.

She said the property is in the process of being sold, but they need to clear up the taxes first. Said the buyers are paying rent and \$50 a week towards the current taxes. She also said that they are also paying the water & sewer charges.

There being no further questions, Bill explained that the board would go into deliberative session and she would be notified of its decision

Ola O'Dell made a motion that the board abate \$3,986.26, the total amount of interest & penalties assessed to date. This motion was not seconded.

David Eddy made a motion that we abate the total penalties assessed of \$ 839.64. This was seconded by Eric Benson. Ola O'Dell asked this be amended to include the interest assessed for FY 2011 of \$838.10, a total of \$1,677.74. This amendment was seconded by Louise Ferris-Burt. The motion passed as amended.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Burnham , Town Clerk