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**MINUTES NORWICH BOARD OF ABATEMENT
MAY 17, 2022**

Members Present: Selectboard: Brochu, Calloway and Gere, JP's: Carroll, Ciccotelli, Clinton, Gray, Richards and Rotman, Scherer and Teller-Elsberg, Listers: Lindberg, Smith, Town Clerk: Munday.

The Board convened at 7:00 PM to hear the abatement requests of: Wilkinson, Knipfer/Krieg, Bornstein and Velozo.

The Board heard the appeal of Wilkinson who testified that she was making her request under Title 24 § 1535 (3): taxes or charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes or charges, interest, and collection fees.

The applicant testified that she had set up a payment plan for the tax payment due August 2021 and saved for the February 2022 payment to be able to pay it in full on time. She testified that her family went out of town on 2/12, mistakenly not realizing the tax due date of 2/11; she realized their error on their return and paid in full on 2/24. The applicant testified that the 8% penalty is an unexpected burden to their budget, currently she is saving for the next tax installment, and she is unable to pay the added amount beyond the taxes saved for. Wilkinson requested an abatement of \$489.00 which is the penalty amount, and she will pay the interest amount that has accumulated. Hearing adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The Board was set to hear the request of Knipfer/Krieg. With no one present to give testimony, the Board took their letter as testimony.

At this point there was a brief amount of time available before the next request was to be heard. During this time the Board discussed whether to deliberate in public rather than private deliberative sessions.

A motion made by Richards seconded by Carroll to hold deliberative session in public. Yes: Carroll, Richards. No: Calloway, Ciccotelli, Clinton, Gere, Gray, Rotman, Teller-Elsberg, Lindberg, Smith, Munday. Abstentions: Brochu and Scherer.

At 7:50 the Board was ready to hear the appeal of Bornstein. With no one present to give testimony, the board used his letter as testimony.

At 8:10 the Board was ready to hear the appeal of Volozo. With no one present to give testimony, the board used his letter as testimony.

The Board entered deliberative session at 8:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J Munday
Norwich Town Clerk