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MINUTES for TAX ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

CITY HALL, ROOM 17

4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chip Mason (Acting Chair), Sara Giannoni

Committee Members Absent: Joan Shannon (Chair) (present by phone for Grunert)

Committee Staff Present: John Vickery (Board member/City Assessor); Kenneth Nosek, Committee Administrator (Associate Assessor); Eugene Bergman, Senior Assistant City Attorney (Committee Attorney)

Clerk/Treasurer's Office: Jeff Herwood, City Financial Assistant

Administration Absent: None

Petitioner's Present: Kenneth Axelson; Alan Abair; Attorney Dennis Hill representing Marriette Nys; CDI Admin Jerimiah Ward representing Carrie Faske; Jesse Bridges, Director representing the department of Burlington Parks and Recreation

Other Persons Present: Mr. Blaine Watson, Plattsburgh Avenue neighbor of Nys.

1. Introductions (additions or changes to the agenda)

2. Public Forum

No one came forward to speak

3. Consideration of Requests for Property Tax Abatement

Alan Abair, 357 St. Paul St., 049-4-030-000

The packet of information was entered into the record and Abair, Nosek, and Herwood presented evidence and Abair gave his reasons for the request.

Kenneth Axelson, 86-88 Pitkin Street, 044-1-029-000

The packet of information was entered into the record and Axelson Nosek, and Herwood presented evidence and Axelson gave his reasons for the request.

Kenneth Axelson, 139-143 North Champlain St, 044-1-320-000

The packet of information was entered into the record and Axelson, Nosek, and Herwood presented evidence and Axelson gave his reasons for the request.

Richard J. and Josephine Bove, 80-90 Pearl St. 044-2-023-000

The packet of information was entered into the record and Herwood and Nosek presented evidence.

Alain Brunet, 1356 North Avenue, Unit 1, 028-3-095-001

The packet of information was entered into the record and Herwood and Nosek presented evidence.

Burlington Parks and Recreation, Jesse Bridges, Rep, 311 North Avenue, 038-4-024-000

The packet of information was entered into the record and Bridges, Herwood and Nosek presented evidence and Bridges gave his reasons for the request. Bridges entered an e-mail during hearing that confirmed certain sum (less than abatement request) received back at closing to cover tax burden.

Constance Lee Pressman Rev Trust, 57 Cumberland Rd. 027-4-080-011

The packet of information was entered into the record and Herwood and Nosek presented evidence.

Carrie D. Faske, Jerimiah Ward/CDI, Reps, 029-2-052-063

The packet of information was entered into the record and Ward, Herwood and Nosek presented evidence and Ward gave his reasons for the request.

Richard Grunet, 11 Crescent Beach Drive, 032-1-025-000

Mason recused himself and Shannon participated by phone. The packet of information was entered into the record and Herwood and Nosek presented evidence.

Pam Mathe and Judy Preefer, 83 Northshore Drive, 021-2-211-083

The packet of information was entered into the record and Herwood and Nosek presented evidence.

Mariette Nys, Dennis Hill, Attorney, Rep, 292 Plattsburgh Avenue, 022-2-003-000

Tax abatement Request #1

The packet of information was entered into the record and Hill, Watson, Herwood and Nosek presented evidence and Hill gave the reasons for the request. New evidence introduced includes engineer e-mail dated Monday, September 12, 2016 from Richard E. Hamlin, P.E. of Donald L. Hamlin Consulting Engineers, Inc. stating opinion of preliminary estimate to stabilize existing river bank.. Also presented was City of Burlington, Vt form Authority for Representation giving Attorney Hill permission to represent Nys.

Mariette Nys, Dennis Hill, Attorney, Rep, 292 Plattsburgh Avenue, 022-2-003-000

Valuation Request #2

The packet of information was entered into the record and Hill, Watson, Herwood and Nosek presented evidence and Hill gave the reasons for the request. New evidence introduced includes engineer e-mail dated Monday, September 12, 2016 from Richard E. Hamlin, P.E. of Donald L. Hamlin Consulting Engineers, Inc. stating opinion of preliminary estimate to stabilize existing river bank.. Also presented was City of Burlington, Vt form Authority for Representation giving Attorney Hill permission to represent Nys.

4. Deliberative Session

On motion by Mason and second by Gionnoni, the committee entered a quasi-judicial deliberative session on all the above requests at 5:26 p.m.

5. Other Business

None

The Deliberative Session ended and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.