

Skowhegan Board of Assessors  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2018

Present: Ronald F. Blaisdell, Chairman  
John Grohs, Vice Chairman  
Bonnie A. Baker

Assessor's Agent: William "Bill" Van Tuinen  
Asst. Assessor: Leisa D. Emery-Burns

Others present: John Davis  
Mark Hume  
Cornville Regional Charter School

**I. Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairman Ronald Blaisdell.

**II. Minutes to be approved and signed:**

1. February 9, 2018, Regular Meeting:  
John Grohs made a motion to approve and sign the minutes, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

**III. Items by the Public:** None

**IV. Unfinished Business:** None

**V. New Business:**

1. Soren & Christal Siren, Map 39, Lot 7, abatement request \$17,500:  
Bill Van Tuinen recommends this abatement in the amount of \$17,300 in value, which is \$346.00 in taxes. There is a minor difference between the request and the recommendation, because of rounding within the computer system when the 15% reduction was implemented for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made the motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

2. Cornville Regional Charter School, Map 21, Lot 20, abatement request \$195,800:  
The representatives from the school stated they feel this property should be exempt from the day they purchased the property.

Bill Van Tuinen said the property was purchased and the deed recorded in June of 2017. Bill stated where the Smith's owned the property on April 1, 2017 the property should not be exempt for this year.

Bill recommends this abatement be denied.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to deny the abatement request, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

3. Cornville Regional Charter School, Map 26, Lot 127, abatement request \$247,600:

The representatives from the school stated they did own this property on April 1, 2017, and do not have to file an exemption application to be exempt according to Statute.

Bill Van Tuinen stated that the law says the property needs to be used for the school, not just owned by. Bill said he would like to get an opinion from MMA and other sources to get clarification; if the property had to be used by the school on April 1, 2017 and if the parts of the property that are leased to others is actually taxable or not.

John Grohs made a motion to table this item until another meeting to gather legal opinion on the taxable vs. exempt status on all or parts of the building, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

Bill Van Tuinen asked the representatives of the school if they would provide the leased SF for the parts that are not used as a school.

The representatives stated they could give Bill that information.

4. John Davis, Map 4, Lot 45-25, abatement request \$30,000:

Bill Van Tuinen explained this abatement was tabled from the last meeting so Bill could check the house plans left by Mr. Davis, so we could double check the square footages on our card. Bill said that he does not see any discrepancies in the square footages. Bill said he recommends the abatement of \$4,100 in value discussed at the previous meeting, which is \$82.00 in taxes. This abatement is for a water issue in the basement.

John Grohs made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

5. Jennifer Mead, Map 30, Lot 14, abatement request 15% off land value:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$19,000 value, which is \$380.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

6. Michael Iafrate, Map 39, Lot 25, abatement request 15% off land:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$19,900 value, which is \$398.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

7. Mary Bedard & Mark Hebert, Map 39, Lot 15, abatement request \$18,225:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$18,100 value, which is \$362.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

8. Edmond & Deborah Turcotte, Map 39, Lot 36, abatement request \$21,700:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$21,700 value, which is \$434.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

John Grohs made a motion to approve the abatement, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

9. Joyce Meader & Tamara Worth, Map 39, Lot 26, abatement request \$17,130:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$17,000 value, which is \$340.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

10. Rebecca Richardson & Patricia Lawton, Map 11, Lot 46, abatement request 15% Oak Pond:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$24,200 value, which is \$484.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

11. Susan Anderson, Map 39, Lot 30, abatement request 15% on land:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$18,600 value, which is \$372.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

12. Philip Dugas, Map 39, Lot 28, abatement request 15% on land:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$16,400 value, which is \$328.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by Ronald Blaisdell. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

13. Stephen, Jennifer & Camden Dionne, Map 39, Lot 30A, abatement request \$13,590:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$13,500 value, which is \$270.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to grant the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

14. Stephen, Jennifer & Camden Dionne, Map 39, Lot 30B, abatement request \$12,930:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$12,800 value, which is \$256.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to grant the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

15. Deanne & Gregory Pizzo, Map 39, Lot 32, abatement request 15% on land:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$17,700 value, which is \$354.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

16. Richard & Tammie Veinotte, Map 39, Lot 31, abatement request \$17,595:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$17,500 value, which is \$350.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

17. Lynn & Michael Richardson, Map 39, Lot 5, abatement request \$23,655:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$23,400 value, which is \$468.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

18. Denis & Judy Lepage, Map 39, Lot 1, abatement request \$21,900:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$21,700 value, which is \$434.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

19. Gary & Barbara Nadeau, Map 39, Lot 3, abatement request 15% on land:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$17,300 value, which is \$346.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to grant the abatement, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

20. Thomas & Barbara Morrison, Map 39, Lot 2, abatement request 15% on land:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$18,400 value, which is \$368.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

John Grohs made a motion to grant the abatement, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

21. John Meader, Map 39, Lot 27, abatement request 15% on land:

Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$15,800 value, which is \$316.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to grant the abatement, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

22. Kyle & Sandy Jackson, Map 39, Lot 13, abatement request \$19,515:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$19,300 value, which is \$386.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

John Grohs made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

23. Mark & Lisa Hume, Map 39, Lot 8, abatement request unspecified:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$20,800 value, which is \$416.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to grant the abatement as recommended, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

24. John Estes, Map 39, Lot 46, abatement request unspecified:  
Bill Van Tuinen made a recommendation to approve the abatement in the amount of \$18,500 value, which is \$370.00 in taxes. This abatement is for the 15% reduction on the land value for Oak Pond.

Bonnie Baker made a motion to approve the abatement as recommended, seconded by John Grohs. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

**VI. Chairman's Items:** None.

**VII. Member's Items:** None

**VIII. Assessor's Agents Items:**

Bill Van Tuinen stated that he appreciates the Board, and the taxpayer's time, consideration and indulgence while he was getting back on his feet after his stroke.

**IX. Asst. Assessor's Items:** None.

**X. Adjournment:**

Ronald Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonnie Baker. – Vote 3 yes – 0 no

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM

The Board discussed having the next meeting during the first half of June.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2018.

The Skowhegan Board of Assessors

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Ronald F. Blaisdell, Chairman

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John F. Grohs, Vice Chairman

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Bonnie A. Baker

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