

DECISION OF THE TOWN OF WORCESTER
BOARD OF ABATEMENT

December 7, 2015

Brian Sweetser
Parcel Number: 00TR004.8
36 Hampshire Hill Road

The Board of Abatement convened on December 7, 2015 to hear the matter of Brian Sweetser versus the Town of Worcester. In attendance were Christopher Lyon, Alan Erdossy and Peter Strobridge Listers, Leslie Haines, JP, Paul Hanlon, JP, Olivia Bravakis JP, Mick Ekhart, Town Agent, Roger Strobridge, Selectboard Chair, Cheri Goldstein, Selectboard, Ted Lamb, Selectboard and Katie Winkeljohn, Clerk/Treasurer.

Paul Hanlon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The board members were sworn.

Brian Sweetser brought this matter before the Board of Abatement, by letter, to request an abatement of the 2015 property taxes on his property located at 36 Hampshire Hill Road, parcel number 00TR004.8. The Listers testified to the petitioners' decision to remove one structure, located on the above-reference parcel. The structure was demolished by September 30, 2015.

The board of listers prepared a memorandum for the Board of Abatement to consider. The listers recommended that the Sweetser 2015 taxes be abated to reflect the removal of a structure, leaving the home residence and the garage. The water, sewer and site charges for the old structure have been removed. The current value of the property is \$275,000 reflecting an adjustment of

\$64,700 for the removed structure. The Grand List value prior was \$340,600.

The state (education) tax year runs from July to June, and the town's from January - December. The listers recommended an abatement of taxes in the amount of \$755.05 (75% of the education tax) and \$90.82 (25% the town tax) to total \$845.87 credit for 2015 taxes.

At the conclusion of the testimony the Board deliberated. Cheri Goldstien motioned that Brian Sweetser 2015 tax liability be abated in the amount of \$755.05 for school tax and \$90.82 town tax for a total of \$845.87. The motion was seconded by Leslie Haines. Discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Winkeljohn
Clerk of the Board of Abatement