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ABATEMENT BOARD**

Minutes of the North Branch Fire District #1, Board of Abatement, June 14, 2022.

This Meeting, having been duly Warned, was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Steve Montello.

Members Present: Steve Montello, Bob Stone, Ken Westby, Cathy Kaufmann, and Jon Prial via Zoom.

Also Present: Deana Covieo-Clarke, Helen Krzeminski, Katrina Kast, Mathew Kast, and Lyman Powers. Attending via Zoom were William Hayde and John Hannon.

Stone moved to nominate Steve Montello to Chair the meeting. Seconded by Westby. Passed unanimously.

Minutes: Kaufmann moved to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Stone. Passed unanimously.

PA030/Hayde: Kaufmann moved to deny any abatement at this time, but to continue to collect a usage history, from the current working meter, for a period of another year (2 more billing cycles). Notify customer to pay current balance, including penalties and interest. Seconded by Stone. Passed unanimously.

RT024 Town of Dover/Town Office: Stone moved to abate \$416.57. Seconded by Kaufman. Passed unanimously.

SEM02/Burke: Westby moved to abate \$405.88. Seconded by Stone. Passed unanimously.

SG002b/Meduski: Westby moved to approve to deactivate the meter with no bills going forward, under the condition that the owner notify North Branch when construction is complete, to reactivate or replace the meter. Seconded by Kaufmann. Passed unanimously.

BO003a/Hannon: Prial moved to credit gallons lost, due to the documented leak, for the billing periods of June 2021, November 2021, and June 2022. Analysis of those gallons

associated with each billing period are to be calculated by North Branch. An additional 50,000 gallons of water that leaked, after the June 2022 billing, but before the repair, will be reflected on the Fall 2022 bill. These gallons will need to be abated at the December BOA hearing. Seconded by Stone. Passed unanimously.

SB004/Davidson-Mendick: Stone moved to deny the request for a \$6.7 refund. Seconded by Westby. Passed unanimously. 24 V.S.A §1535.

VS021/Davey: Stone moved to deny the request for removal of fees and interest on the Fall 2021 bill. Seconded by Westby. Passed unanimously. 24 V.S.A. §1535.

Late appeals that did not make it on the agenda:

RT057b/Peruso-Kirshenbaum: Lyman Powers presented a request for an abatement for his landlord, William Peruso. The board decided to do more research, notifying the owner of that outcome within the next thirty days. It was asked that the owner contact North Branch Fire District to schedule an inspection of the properties involved to come to a fair resolution.

AL041/Kast: The Kasts withdrew their appeal for abatement, citing they would discuss their request with the Prudential Committee, at the regular board meeting.

Montello adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Krzeminski
Administration

Posted: North Branch Fire District# 1, Wastewater Treatment Facility building and Administration's building. Dover Town Office and www.northbranchfiredistrict.com.