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Town of Bolton
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Board of Tax Abatement Meeting Minutes

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 5:30 p.m.
 Bolton Town Office

BTA members present: Gene Armstrong, Dan Champney, Ron Lafreniere, Rod Wheelock, Josh Arneson, Amy Grover, Brenda McKeown; Chair, Paula Gervia, John Devine, Rich Reid

BTA members absent: none

Also present: Joan Pecor, Delinquent Tax Collector

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

BTA members reviewed the information and request from Joan to abate the taxes on following:

1. The Nature Conservancy 2007/2008

Total amount to be abated (includes tax, penalty, and interest): \$5,149.06

It was noted abatement had been requested previously, and there was still information lacking. It was believed that The Nature Conservancy had acted as a “pass through” agency in the West Bolton Golf Club sale of 450+ acres on the Notch Road to the state or a nonprofit, and the Nature Conservancy did not ever own the property.
Decision: tabled pending further information/substantiation.

2. Newmont Broadcasting, Inc. 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013

Total amount to be abated (includes tax, penalty, and interest): \$3,288.33

It was noted abatement had been requested previously, and there was still information lacking. A previous letter from the town attorney noted that Newmont Broadcasting had gone bankrupt, was dissolved, and terminated by the Secretary of State 4/24/2009. Various organizations are credited with taking over its stations/assets, but it is unclear if in particular Retro Television Network (which was not registered to do business in VT) took over all Newmont property including the Robbins Mountain installation.

Decision: tabled pending further information/substantiation.

3. RCC Atlantic, Inc. 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012

Total amount to be abated (includes tax, penalty, and interest): \$2,828.69

It was noted abatement had been requested previously, and it had been previously confirmed that RCC Atlantic, Inc. had been sold to Unicell. The following was confirmed through a letter from Kermit Blaisdell, Town Assessor: “Unicell is responsible for payment of the Bolton property tax bill. RCC Atlantic, Inc., is still being billed in error. The town is billing for the same property two times.” Paula motioned: “To abate the taxes of RCC Atlantic, Inc. totaling \$2,282.69, with penalties and interest, under 24 V.S.S. § 1535, criteria #4,

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“in which there is a manifest error or mistake of the listers.” Rich seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (10-0).

No other business was brought before this Board at this time. Paula motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gene. All were in favor and the motion passed (10 – 0).

The meeting ended at 5:55 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Town Clerk