

**Town of Damariscotta, Maine
Board of Assessors' Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 18, 2018**

Immediately following Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Members Present: Ronn Orenstein, Mark Hagar, Amy Leshure, and Louis Abbotoni, excused absence-Robin Mayer. Staff Present: Town Manager-Matt Lutkus, Assessors' Agent-Jurate Barnes, Town Clerk-Michelle Cameron. Others present were: Karen O'Bryan-resident & LCTV and Jessica Picard-LCN.

I. Call to Order: R. Orenstein opened the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

II. Abatements:

III. Act on Application for Exemption from Property Tax: Barnes explained to the BOA:

Natalie Blake, M/L 001-029-001, 200 Bristol Rd. requested an inspection of the property. The building, originally built around 1789, with some remodeling in 1982 is in need of significant structural repair: the main chimney needs to be replaced, bricks are loose and the chimney looks like it could fall down; carrying timbers show signs of severe dry rot and bug damage; sills are rotted in a portion of the house, causing walls to buckle and floor to slant. There is no heat in the house. Barnes said the building should not be valued as it is, she recommend a reduction in value of \$97,100, with an abatement of taxes of \$1,633.71.

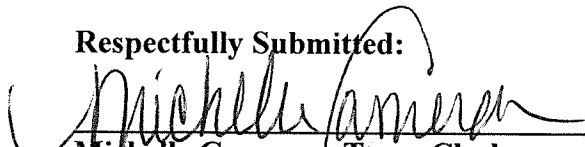
Barnes also explained that Hebb Maine Realty Trust, M/L 012-018, 129 Cottage Point Rd., presented a survey of the property which shows the lot to be 0.45 acres, not 0.74 acres as currently assessed. To correct this valuation, she recommend a reduction of \$48,400 in value, with an abatement of taxes of \$814.33.

Barnes said the total of the two requested abatements is \$2,448.04. **On motion Hagar/Abbotoni moved to accept the recommendation for abatements from the Assessors' Agent. Vote 4-0**

IV. Approve Minutes of June 6, 2018: Tabled

**V. Adjournment: On motion Orenstein/Leshure moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.
Vote 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted:


Michelle Cameron, Town Clerk

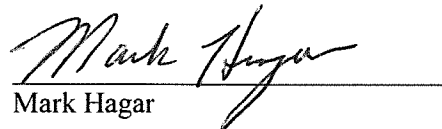
We, the undersigned, do hereby approve as written, or with corrections as noted, the minutes of the above-designated Board of Assessors meeting.

Robin Mayer


Ronn Orenstein

Amy Leshure


Louis F Abbotoni


Mark Hagar

Town of Damariscotta, Board of Assessors
Signed this date 8/1/18