

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
ABATEMENT BOARD MEETING
July 29, 2014**

Present: Gary Anderson, John Anderson, David Gagnier, Deanna Judkins, Mary Paul Loomis, Orah Moore, Kimberly Moutlon, Wendell Peake, Julie Rohleder and Duncan Tingle

Others

Present: Carol Robertson, General Manager for the Village of Hyde Park

J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Introductions of the board were made. G. Anderson, J. Anderson and D. Tingle acknowledged that they are members of the Hyde Park Village Improvement Association.

Carol Robertson introduced herself to the board. C. Robertson is representing the Village Trustees request to abate taxes on property located on Eden Street known as "Moss Woods".

J. Rohleder explained that the property in question was set aside as a park long ago. Two years ago the town was advised that the property was not tax exempt and the Village Improvement Association began receiving tax bills. The taxes are paid up to date. As of May 5, 2014, the Village Improvement Association deeded the property over to the Village of Hyde Park. Since the transfer occurred after April 1st, the property is currently shown as owned by the Hyde Park Village Improvement Association and taxes are due for the new tax year. The Village Trustees are requesting that property taxes be abated since they are now the owners of the property.

J. Rohleder verified that since the property is now owned by the Village of Hyde Park, the property will be tax exempt next year.

D. Tingle stated that the Hyde Park Elementary School currently uses the property for the ECHO program.

D. Tingle spoke as the President of the Village Improvement Association. He stated that the association can not afford the taxes so they decided to deed the property to the Village of Hyde Park. It will always be owned by the Village and remain accessible as a public park. There is a right of way access from Eden Street. G. Anderson stated that the 2014-2015 property taxes due are \$1,299.20 with \$902.94 being the school portion of the taxes due.

C. Robertson stated that the Village is working with LCPC to apply for grants to make the property safe.

D. Tingle made a motion that was seconded by M. Loomis to abate all town and education taxes for the property known as "Moss Woods" now owned by the Village of Hyde Park. Votes in favor 9, Votes against 0, Abstained 1. Motion passed.

There was no other business.

M. Loomis made a motion that was seconded by J. Rohleder to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm