

January 3, 2019 Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes

Members present : Dave Bradshaw, Chair & JP, Michael Kuban, Selectboard, Susan Elder, Selectboard, Phyllis Hayward, Lister, Warren Lathrop, Lister, Ed Kuban, Lister, Tracy Simon, JP, Joseph Spinella, JP, Gayle Durkee, Treasurer, Jane Cushman, Delinquent Tax Collector, Karen Lathrop, Clerk

Appellant present: Linda Doyle

1. Meeting was brought to order at 6:32 pm.
2. Addition to agenda of approval of June 14, 2018 meeting minutes
3. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.
4. Board members and appellant sworn in for abatement hearing on parcel 022-018.000. Monthly Income and Expense sheet was added to Board Packet, which included, letter for abatement, Lister Card, Original Tax Bill and Delinquent Tax Notice of January 3, 2018.

Board requested clarification of the letter written as it contained a request for an abatement for a loan from Robert's Poor Fund. Appellant was not sure which Board handled either one. Mike Kuban gave a brief explanation of what the Roberts Poor Fund is used for, which is handled by the Selectboard and Dave Bradshaw explained abatement of taxes to ensure the appellant and Board were clear going forward. The Clerk stated the letter could be sent on to the Selectboard for consideration of use of Robert's Poor Fund.

Board asked if Homestead had been applied for and Appellant replied the homestead request had been denied for several years. Board was concerned there was not enough information without knowing the homestead amount that could be taken off the taxes. Phyllis Hayward, Lister, offered to work with the Appellant on submitting homestead paper work.

Appellant stated she had a bank willing to refinance the reverse mortgage but in order to do so the taxes and insurance must be paid, to which she had no finances at this point to do so.

Board questioned which amount should be should be abated. Appellant stated payment of penalty and interest could be made but not the tax amount. It was clarified the Board was allowed to abate penalties and interest as of a Statute change.

The Board asked if the Appellant had any other questions. There being none, Joe Spinella moved to go into executive session at 7:08 with Tracy Simon seconding the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

Phyllis Hayward moved to exit executive session at 7:14 with Mike Kuban seconding the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

Mike Kuban moved to abate \$3229.16 which are taxes, interest and penalty for 2018 for Parcel 022-018.000 with Warren Lathrop seconding the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

5. No other business to discuss

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6. Warren Lathrop moved to adjourn at 7:16 with Mike Kuban seconding the motion. All were in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lathrop

Clerk

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