

Board of Abatement

Minutes of 12/11/17

Board Present: Jared Cadwell, Selectboard Chair; Mike Jordan, Lister; Doug Mosle, Lister; Sarah Stavraky, Lister; Patti Lewis, Town Clerk & Treasurer; Lisa Koitzsch, Justice of the Peace; Chuck Martel, Selectman; Rick Rayfield, Justice of the Peace, and Tom Bisbee, Justice of the Peace. (Board)

Others Present: None

Jared called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Parcel ID# 11-011 – Diane Cleland

The Board reviewed the request for abatement of interest and penalty dated 11/14/17 from Linda Wiener on behalf of her mother Diane Cleland. The Board questioned if taxes had been paid on time in the past. Answer yes. The Board questioned the location of the property being in Waitsfield vs. Fayston. Answer was the property is located in Fayston. The Board asked if the 2017 taxes were paid in full at this time. Answer yes.

Parcel ID#11-050 – Michael Trahan

The Board reviewed a letter dated 11/21/17 from Michael Trahan requesting abatement of the tax penalty due to late payment. The Board questioned if taxes had been paid on time in the past. Answer yes, always just before the delinquent date. The Board questioned what additional safe guards meant as described in said letter.

9:15 a.m. – Lisa moved to go into deliberative session. Sarah seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9:50 a.m. – Jared moved to come out of deliberative session. Lisa seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Decisions:

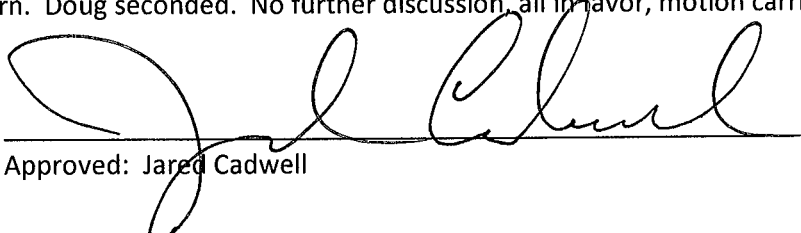
Doug moved to abate the penalty and interest of \$508.61 on Diana Cleland's and Linda Wiener's request as a one-time compassionate gesture abatement based on Board's belief that Diana was sincere in her belief she had paid her taxes in August, as she had for many years prior, and the Board's belief that there is likely diminished mental capacity at fault. Tom seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Rick moved to deny Michael Trahan's request to abate penalty based on the fact Mr. Trahan had ample opportunity to pay the taxes on time which were due August 17, 2017. Lisa seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9:57 a.m. – Lisa moved to adjourn. Doug seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis


Approved: Jared Cadwell