

Board of Abatement

Reconvened Deliberative Session

12/18/17

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

Others Present: Gayle Brown (Gayle)

Jared called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Parcel ID# 02-007.003 – Gayle Brown

Agenda Item #1:

Jared administered the oath to Gayle and asked what part of the Statute, 24 V.S.A. Section 1535 she was appealing under. Gayle replied she could not find anything in 1535 that was specific to her situation and was here to ask for mercy. Jared noted her email of 12/8/17 (see attached) which explained the circumstances pretty well and did she have anything further to add. Gayle said that Bonnie Batchelder, her accountant, had filed their taxes on time but that the taxes were rejected three days later. The reason was because her daughter had filed independently while they had filed her as a dependent, which caused their tax return to be rejected. It wasn't until August 2017 that Ms. Batchelder was able to straighten it out.

The Town received new tax bill notice on 11/20/17.

Gayle restated that they had filed their HS122 on time on April 17, 2017. Doug explained that our system showed she filed on August 9, 2017.

Gayle produced a screen shot of her tax filing date of 4/17/17.

Board thanked Gayle for being present and said they would have a written decision within 30 days.

Agenda Item #2:

10:26 a.m. – Lisa made a motion to go into deliberative session. Chuck seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

10:58 a.m. – Chuck made a motion to adjourn deliberative session. Lisa seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Action Taken: The Board decided to request that Gayle contact Bonnie Batchelder to verify and confirm to the board, that the HS122 was part of the tax filing packet that was rejected on 4/17/17.

Agenda Item #3:

The Board reviewed The Rules of Procedure dated 11/2/16. Specifically, #4h. Lisa explained that there has been occasion when meeting that 30-day deadline had been difficult when deliberative sessions had to be reconvened. After discussion Patti suggested that "after the final deliberative session" be added at

the end of #4h. Doug then noted Section D that said any amendments had to be made by two-thirds of the majority which would be 8, and that there was not enough Board present to vote. It was decided to revisit at the next meeting in hopes of a quorum.

11:14 a.m. – Sarah made a motion to reconvene the deliberative session. Mike seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

11:20 a.m. – Chuck made a motion to adjourn the deliberative session. Lisa seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Action Taken: Pending additional information that the Board needs to make their final decision the Board agreed that no additional assessment of interest or penalty would be applied towards the Brown tax bill if the deliberation process goes past the 30-day deadline to pay of 12/21/17.

The Board decided to reconvene this deliberative session on 12/21/17 at 10:00 a.m.

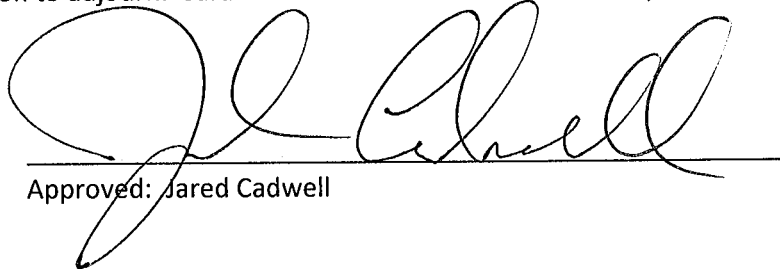
Agenda Item #4:

The Board decided that discussion of how many days a taxpayer has to pay after a new tax bill is generated post 11/1 of each year should be discussed at a Selectboard meeting vs. the Board of Abatement.

11:26 a.m. – Lisa made a motion to adjourn. Sarah seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jared Cadwell', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Approved: Jared Cadwell