

Board of Abatement
1/26/15

Board Present: Jared Cadwell, Chair (Jared), Ed Read, (Ed), Robert Vasseur (Robert), Tom Bisbee (Tom), Fred Spencer (Fred), Gussie Graves, (Gussie), Patti Lewis (Patti) and Rick Rayfield (Rick)

Appellants Present: Andy Yager

Jared called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. He noted that Allison Godfrey was not present and that Andy Yager was. He read Board of Abatement criteria as written in Vermont Statute 1535. He noted further language in the statute that talks about broadly defined extraordinary circumstances.

1. The Board reviewed Allison Godfrey's letter dated 1/6/15, her history of tax payments and when taxes were paid in 2014. She is requesting abatement of the penalty of \$192.10.
2. Andy Yager (Andy) explained that he had gone to the tax department a second time last Friday and was expecting a State Tax Adjustment refund as a result and because he presented them with his proof of his income and death certificate of his wife. He is prepared to pay \$3,000.00 of the \$6,000.00 owed and pay the balance when he receives the refund check from the State. He is requesting abatement of the penalty of \$500.00 (\$507.47). The Board explained they would need to wait until receiving updated information from the State of Vermont before making a decision. He asked if there was a possibility that the penalty would be waived. The Board responded that that was why we had this process because there was that possibility, that probate issues might make a difference, and that the Board would wait until the Town received the official homestead declaration paperwork, allows Patti to re-calculate taxes, and then they would meet again to make a decision.
3. 9:24a.m., Robert made a motion to go into deliberative session. Tom seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - a. Rick made a motion to table the Godfrey decision to a time indefinite until the Board receives more information from Ms. Godfrey. Jared seconded, no further discussion, motion carried.

The information requested will be a copy of the Bank of America bank statement as of 10/1/14. Copy of Bank of America policy and/or statement showing escrow refund twenty days later, and a copy of that check.

- b. Rick made a motion to table the Yager decision until the Town receives the homeowner exemption information from the State and Patti re-calculates his

property taxes. The Board will then reconsider his request. Jared seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9:37 a.m. Rick made a motion to come out of deliberative session. Tom seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9:37a.m. - Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robert seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis