

Board of Abatement Minutes  
May 17, 2018

Present:

Alta Johnston – Justice of Peace  
Mary Ann Black – Justice of Peace  
Debbie Perry – Treasurer  
Melanie MacDonald – Selectmen  
Larry Taggart – Justice of Peace  
Karen Davis – Town Clerk – Lister  
Nathan Hewitt – Lister  
James Genovesi – Lister  
Robert Toppin – Selectmen & Justice of Peace  
Steve Martelle – Selectmen  
Mary Clark - Applicant 1  
Cynthia Wragg - Applicant 2

Called to order at 6:00

1. Elect Chair – Karen Davis made a motion to elect Larry Taggart and 2<sup>nd</sup> Melanie Macdonald. Nomination accepted. Motion passed
2. Chair asked the board to adopt the Rules of Procedures previously adopted on June 3, 2012. Melanie Macdonald made a motion to accept the Rules of Procedure as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Toppin. Motion passed.
3. All board members received a copy of the agenda, Rules of Procedure, copies of the request submitted by applicants and copies of the tax bill being abated.
4. All persons in attendance took oaths
5. There were no conflict of interest and no questions relating to the rules of procedure

1<sup>st</sup> – Applicant

Mary Clark – 1486 VT Route 133 – span # 309-098-10036

Statutory criteria: 24 V.S.A. § 1535 (a)(3) - Taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, collection fees.

Karen handed out a packet to Mary Clark. The packet included the agenda, the Rules of Procedure, Mary's request for a hearing, the letter she submitted with her request, copies of her tax bill from 2012.

Board heard arguments from Mary about why the interest and penalties from 2012 taxes should be abated under criteria noted above.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Applicant

Cynthia Wragg – 1287 West Road– span # 309-098-10287

Statutory criteria: 24 V.S.A. § 1535 (a)(3) – Taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, collection fees.

Karen handed out a packet to Cynthia Wragg. The packet included the agenda, the Rules of Procedure, Cindy's request for a hearing and a copy of her tax bill from 2017, copy of the letter received December 2017 and the response from the delinquent tax collector.

Board heard arguments from Cindy about why the unpaid 2017 taxes, interest and penalties should be abated under criteria noted above.

6. Larry made a motion to enter deliberative session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Davis. Motion passed

7. The board went into deliberative session.

No decision was announced. A written notice of decision will be mailed to each applicant

8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion made by Larry Taggart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Davis. Motion passed.

*Minutes subject to approval at next Board of Abatement hearing*