

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 nominated Larry Taggart and 2nd Melanie Macdonald. Nomination accepted
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, 2nd by Bob Toppin.
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

1st – 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.

2nd – 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.

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

6. The board went into deliberative session.

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

7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion made by Larry Taggart, 2nd by Karen Davis