

ROXBURY BOARD OF ABATEMENT  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018  
6:30PM - 7:25PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Slocum, Dave McShane, Gerry D'Amico, Jeremy Reed, Bill Hansen, Steve Twombly, Gloria Gerdes, Anne Maxham and Tammy Legacy

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Gerry D'Amico.

Linda LaRose and Richard LaRose took an oath.

Linda LaRose is requesting an abatement of her taxes and fees. Her property is located at 476 Warren Mountain Road, Roxbury, Vermont.

Gerry read the letter from Mrs. LaRose requesting an abatement.

The reasons for the request for abatement are:

- In 2013, Linda LaRose fell on hard times.
- Since January of 2018, Linda has been hospitalized multiple times with serious health issues.
- Because of the death of her husband in 2013, Linda had unexpected expenses.
- Linda was permanently layed off from her job.
- Linda had issues with social security and has had no income for six months.

Linda talked to the Board about her health issues and her income. Linda had hoped to borrow the money to pay the taxes and fees but was unable to.

When the issues with social security are resolved she will have an income of less than \$1,000 per month.

Linda's property is currently up for tax sale. The amount owed for delinquent taxes is \$4,730.39, interest on unpaid delinquent taxes is \$387.60 and penalty is \$378.46. There are also legal fees of \$1,012.39 owed for the tax sale process. In addition to these amounts, the unpaid amount for current taxes is \$802.18 and interest of \$10.05.

The Board wished Linda luck with her problems. Linda and Richard left the meeting at 6:46PM.

The Board entered into deliberations at 6:46PM.

The Board exited deliberations at 7:20PM.

Chuck Slocum moved to abate the taxes, interest and penalties of Linda Larose for the years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and the 2017/2018. The motion was seconded.

There was discussion on the motion. The Board had compassion for the hard time Linda has had over the past few years. Some Board members were concerned that Linda may get behind again since this was not the first time tax sale proceedings had been started on this property. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 1 no and 2 abstentions.

The tax amounts that are abated are:

2015/2016 - Principal \$1,665.75, Interest \$133.12, Penalty \$133.26 = \$1,923.13

2016/2017 - Principal \$1,530.80, Interest \$168.08, Penalty \$122.48 = \$1,821.36

2017/2018 - Principal \$1,533.84, Interest \$86.40, Penalty \$122.72 = \$1,742.96  
Total amount abated is \$5,496.45

The Board did not abate the legal fees for the tax sale proceedings or anything on the current taxes.

No other abatement requests were brought to the Board so the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

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Tammy Legacy, Town Clerk  
December 14, 2018