



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
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Board of Tax Abatement Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Smilie School

BTA members present: Gene Armstrong, Josh Arneson, Jen Dudley-Gaillard, Amy Grover, Paula Gervia, Brenda McKeown, Chair, Ron Lafreniere, Sharon Murray
BTA members absent: John Devine, Brittany LaBerge, Rich Reid
Also present: Chris LaBerge, Town Constable,

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair, Brenda McKeown.
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: none.
3. Public Comment: none
4. BCA minutes May 22, 2017: Paula made the motion *“to approve the BCA minutes of May 22, 2017.”* Jen seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (8-0).
5. Abatement Request Review:
 - Guyette on behalf of the Estate of Jean MacDonald.

BTA members reviewed and discussed the property history, abatement request, and the statutory requirements for abatement.

History - Jean MacDonald Property (mobile home) 199 Champ Lane, Bolton
Parcel ID # 03-032.000

1. Jean MacDonald moves from Bolton to live with her son in Omaha during the 2013 tax year.
2. Jean MacDonald dies during the 2015 tax year.
3. Marcia Guyette requests abatement in August 2016 of Jean MacDonald’s property taxes in an effort to help Jean MacDonald’s son sell the mobile home so that it is removed from her property (Marcia owns the lot). Marcia notes that she has not received the lot rent for multiple years, and wants to sell the lot.
4. BTA August 15, 2016 - abates MacDonald’s taxes from 2013, 2014, 2015: principal, interest, and penalty totaling \$1010.65, provided the mobile home is removed from the lot prior to April 1, 2017.
5. Attorney for the MacDonald estate (David Sunshine) attempts to sell the mobile home – numerous inquiries, no buyers due to the condition of the mobile home. The mobile home is not removed prior to April 1, 2017.
6. April 22, 2017 – Probate Court Judge Gregory J. Glennon awards possession of the mobile home to Marcia Guyette. Marcia notes that removal of the mobile home will now be an additional expense to her, in addition to the unpaid lot rent.
7. May 23, 2017 – Marcia Guyette requests abatement of the property taxes for the upcoming 17-18 tax year, from the 16-17 tax year: \$536.53 in principal, \$28.14 in interest, \$42.92 in penalty, and to re-abate the taxes from 2013, 2014, 2015.

8. May 30, 2017 – Marcia Guyette grieves the assessed value of the mobile home in the Lister’s grievance hearings. The mobile home value is reduced in value from \$24,500 to \$6,200 by Assessor Kermit Blaisdell.
9. Estimate of FY 17-18 taxes using FY 16-17 rate of 2.2043 would be \$136.67

Paula made the motion “to approve the request to abate the principal, interest, and penalty, from 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 currently totaling \$1,547.18, and to pre-abate the 2017 taxes currently estimated to be \$137.00, and any accrued interest, on the Estate of Jean MacDonald’s property (mobile home) located at 199 Champ Lane provided the mobile home is removed by April 1, 2018, under VSA § 1535, (a), (1) – (3).” Gene seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (8-0).

6. Any Other Business: none
7. Close meeting - no other business was brought before the BTA at this time. Paula motioned “to adjourn the meeting” at 5:47 p.m. seconded by Sharon. All were in favor and the motion passed (8 – 0).

Attest: Amy Grover, Town Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were read and approved by the BTA on:

For the BTA