



Town of Bolton
 3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
 Bolton VT 05676
 Board of Tax Abatement Minutes
 June 18, 2018
 5:40 p.m.
 Bolton Town Office

BTA members present: Josh Arneson, Mica Cassara, John Choate, John Devine, Amy Grover, Brittany LaBerge, Brenda McKeown, Sharon Murray (6 p.m.), Rich Reid (6:10 p.m.)
 BTA members absent: Paula Gervia, Tony Barbagallo
 Also present: none
 Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair Brenda McKeown with a quorum of 7 members present.
2. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:** none
3. **Public Comment:** none
4. **BTA and BCA Minutes May, 17, 2018:** Mica Cassara made the motion *"to approve the May 17, 2018 BTA and BCA Minutes."* Josh Devine seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (7-0).
5. **Abatement Requests:**

1. Kristin & Chris May
 2716 Duxbury Road
 Parcel ID #01-019.000
 Mobile Home
 Assessed value: \$6,600

Due:

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
FY 17-18	\$141.41	\$7.35	\$11.32	\$160.08
TOTAL				

2. Thomas May et al c/o Chris May
 2717 Duxbury Road
 Parcel ID #01-018.000
 .3 acres
 Assessed value: \$56,600

Due:

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
FY 16 – 17	\$789.42	\$23.70	\$60.03	\$873.15
FY 17 - 18	\$1,212,71	\$63.63	\$97.00	\$1,373.34
TOTAL	\$2,002.13	\$87.33	\$157.03	\$2,246.49

The Board reviewed and discussed the current tax standings and the abatement request, noting challenges the family has faced which has negatively impacted the family's financial stability.

Mica Cassara made the motion "to abate delinquent taxes due;

- All FY 17-18 principal, interest and penalty totaling \$160.08 for Parcel ID #01-019.000 and
- All FY 16-17 principal, interest and penalty totaling \$873.15 for Parcel ID #01-018.000, and
- All FY 17-18 interest and penalty totaling \$160.63, and principal in the amount of \$473.34, leaving a principal balance due of \$900.00 as of June 18, 2018, for Parcel ID #01-019.000, all under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees."

John Devine seconded. Discussion included:

- Notice to Chris and Kristen May to file homestead and VT taxes annually to provide tax relief on the 01-019.000 parcel through a state payment.
- Lack of understanding of the family dynamics that require Chris and Kristen May to be fully responsible for payment of the property taxes on the 01-018.000 parcel when there are seven owners listed on the deed, and encouragement to Chris and Kristen to address this issue within their family.
- Notice to Chris and Kristin May that while the BTA recognizes and sympathizes with their current financial position, abatement will not be an ongoing solution, and that Chris and Kristen need to develop a plan, perhaps with the other family members listed on the deed for parcel 01-018.000, to pay the property taxes in full annually on both parcels.

There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (9-0).

6. **Closing:** John Devine made the motion to "close the meeting." Mica Cassara seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (9-0). The meeting was closed at 6:20 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

Brenda McKelton

August 8, 2018

for the BTA