



Town of Bolton  
 3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway  
 Bolton VT 05676  
 Board of Tax Abatement Minutes  
 May, 17, 2018  
 6 p.m.  
 Bolton Town Office

BTA members present: Josh Arneson, Mica Cassara, John Devine, Paula Gervia, Vice Chair, Amy Grover, Sharon Murray, Rich Reid  
 BTA members absent: Tony Barbagallo, John Choate, Brittany LaBerge, Brenda McKeown  
 Also present: Charmaine Godin, Laurie Farnsworth  
 Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Paula Gervia with a quorum of 7 members present.
2. **Additions or Deletions to The Agenda:** none
3. **Public Comment:** none
4. **BTA Minutes March 12, 2018:** Josh made the motion *“to approve the March 12, 2018 BTA Minutes.”* Mica seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (7-0).
5. **Abatement Requests:**
  1. Kenneth & Charmaine Godin  
 14 Hummingbird Lane  
 Parcel ID #04-018.000  
 2.2 Acres and Dwelling  
 Assessed value: \$186,400  
 Homestead filed 2017, no state payment

Due:

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
FY 15-16	\$224.29	\$4.48	\$14.00	\$242.77
FY 16-17	\$4,091.33	\$705.87	\$327.32	\$5,124.52
FY 17-18	\$3,886.81	\$204.12	\$310.96	\$4,401.89
TOTAL	\$8,202.43	\$914.47	\$652.28	\$9,769.18

The Board reviewed abatement statute, current tax standings and the abatement request. The Board discussed and recognized the numerous and very significant medical issues, health care costs, and employment challenges that the family has faced over the course of several years, which have negatively impacted the family’s financial stability. The Board noted their appreciation to Ms. Godin who remarked, that if her abatement request was granted, in the event of a “windfall,” she hoped to return abated funds to the town.

John made the motion *“to abate Kenneth and Charmaine Godin’s total delinquent taxes due: principal, interest and penalty totaling \$9,769.18, for the years of 2015, 2016, and 2017 under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes,*

interest, and collection fees.” Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (7-0).

- 2. Roger Werpy – sold to David Laflin
  - 469 East Street
  - Parcel ID #20-064.000
  - Mobile Home
  - Assessed Value: \$36,800
  - No homestead filed

Due:

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
FY 17-18 TOTAL	\$788.47	\$41.37	\$63.08	\$892.92

The Board reviewed current tax standings and the abatement request. The mobile home was sold on August 1, 2017 to Mr. Laflin. Taxes for the FY 16-17 tax year were paid in full, and no taxes were currently due for FY 17-18. The mobile home was moved from Bolton in August. It was noted to Mr. Laflin that he was still liable for the taxes for FY 17-18 and that he would not be liable for taxes in the new town, as the mobile home was not there as of April 1. Subsequent communication to Mr. Laflin to the address that was filed on the PTTR has not been acknowledged. Mr.Laflin’s whereabouts are unknown.

Josh made the motion “to abate David Laflin’s total delinquent taxes due; principal, interest and penalty totaling \$892.92, for the year of 2017 under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(2) taxes of persons who are removed from the state.” Sharon seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (7-0).

- 3. Russell and Laurie Farnsworth
  - 822 Duxbury Road
  - Parcel ID #01-037.000
  - 2.0 acres and Mobile home
  - Assessed value: \$123,500
  - Homestead filed, state payment

Due:

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
FY 17-18 TOTAL	\$1,516.19	\$15.15	\$121.28	\$1,652.62

The Board reviewed current tax standings and the abatement request. The Board discussed and recognized the medical issues, health care costs, and employment challenges the family has faced in the current tax year, which has negatively impacted the family’s financial stability.

Sharon made the motion “to abate Russell and Laurie Farnsworth’s total delinquent taxes due; principal, interest and penalty totaling \$1,652.62, for the year of 2017 under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and

collection fees.” John seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (7-0).

6. **Closing:** Rich made the motion to “close the meeting.” Josh seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (7-0). The meeting was closed at 5:37 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, Clerk

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

June 18, 2018  
B. L. McKelown for the BTA

