

Town of Londonderry

Abatement Minutes

Date, Time and Location of Meeting: November 19, 2018 6:00pm at 100 Old School St. South Londonderry.

Property Owner name and 911 address: Rollin C & Ruth L Rowley, 141 Hell's Peak Rd & 2005 N. Main St.

Span #: 357-110-11252 & 357-110-11253

Statutory Reason for Abatement request: My Dad is losing his memory and forgot to pay.

Tax years for which request is made: 2018

Total amount of Abatement request: \$571.84

Minutes:

In attendance: Susie Wyman, Kelly Pajala, Bonnie Cobb, Debbie O'Leary, Sandra Clark, Tom Cavanagh, Lenev Barclay, Melvin Twitchell, Bob Forbes, George Mora, Suzanne Fontaine, Tina Labeau

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. The Board of Abatement was sworn in.

Susie Wyman spoke on behalf of her parents, Rollin and Ruth Rowley. She stated that her parents have never paid their taxes late before, that her father has been suffering from severe memory loss and simply forgot. She stated they were only asking for the 8% late penalty of \$571.84 to be abated. She shared that her father paid taxes in Landgrove after the due date and did not have to pay the penalty. Susie said she would be helping her father in the future to avoid any further late payment of taxes.

The Board of Abatement did not have any questions.

The Board went into deliberative session. The Board came out of deliberative session. Melvin Twitchell made a motion to deny the Rowley's request for abatement of the late penalty on their 2018 taxes. George Mora seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20. Tina Labeau seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Result of Hearing: Request for abatement denied

Reason for result: The board determined the request for abatement did not meet the Statutory reasons allowable for granting an abatement.

§ 1535(a) provides that the board may abate in whole or part taxes, interest, or collection fees accruing to the town in the following cases:

(1) taxes of persons who have died insolvent; (2) taxes of persons who have removed from the state; (3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees; (4) taxes in which there is manifest error or a mistake of the listers; (5) taxes upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year; (6) the exemption amount available under 32 V.S.A. § 3802(11) to persons otherwise eligible for exemption who file a claim on or after May 1 but before October 1 due to the claimant's sickness or disability or other good cause as determined by the board of abatement; but that exemption amount shall be reduced by 20 percent of the total exemption for each month or portion of a month the claim is late filed. (7), (8) [Repealed.] (9) taxes upon a mobile home moved from the town during the tax year as a result of a change in use of the mobile home park land or parts thereof, or closure of the mobile home park in which the mobile home was sited, pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6237.