

TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ABATEMENT
November 7, 2022
At Town Hall and on Zoom

Members present: Pam Cousino, Deb Healey, Brian Goodyear, Tim Davis, Rod Cole, Michael Muir, Jessica James, Chris Campbell, Judy Chaves, Art Cohn, Chris McClain, Norton Davis, Joe Baker, Silas Towler, Jean Richardson (Chair).

Also Present: Michele Malone, Susan Myers

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 pm and a Quorum was determined.
2. The Chair opened the hearing to consider a request for Abatement of property taxes pursuant to 24 VSA 1535 (a)(3), from Michele Malone, Trustee for her property at 3708 Shellhouse Mountain Road, Ferrisburgh, parcel ID # 05/02/19.2.
3. The Chair described the Abatement process and reminded everyone that the BOA can only exercise those powers specifically delegated by statute.
4. Deb Healey, Treasurer, stated that Michele owes the Town \$62,307.89 covering the period 2016 to present and that, apart from some payments made by a family member on her behalf a few years ago, Michele had not been making any payments for property taxes.
5. Michele provided the BOA with a detailed written statement of her request for Abatement of property taxes, interest and penalties for 2016-2022 as provided at 24 VSA 1535(a)(3) "...persons unable to pay their taxes, interest and collection fees".
6. Michele's sister, Susan Myers was present to support her sister's testimony.
7. Michele asked for an understanding of the pending November 16 Tax sale, and Deb explained that she will have one year within which she can sell the property herself and pay off the past due taxes from the sale.
8. Michele and her sister stated that they have a plan to pay off Michele's debts. Michele will move in with her sister in Williston, sell the Ferrisburgh house, and pay off all debt including town Property Taxes.
9. BOA members asked questions of Michele and Susan and then excused them and the BOA went into deliberative session.
10. Following deliberation, Brian Goodyear, seconded by Rod Cole, made the following MOTION:
To deny the Request for Abatement of property taxes, interest, and collection fees.
VOTE: Yes 15; No 0; Abstentions 0.

There being no other business the BOA meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm on Motion of Silas, seconded by Judy, All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Cousino, Town Clerk.