

Board of Abatement Meeting

November 18, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Present: Patrick McCarthy, Belinda Harris Clegg

By Phone:

Kurt Klein

Deb Klein

Cindy Lowell

Linda Martin

Linda Reeve

Dolly Holton

Katie Black

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by Belinda Harris Clegg, Clerk.

The following request was allowed under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3). Taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees.

Patrick McCarthy – #03056 2019-2020 Taxes, Penalties and Interest

Belinda read Patrick McCarthy's statement. Mr. McCarthy added to his statement by giving testimony as to his lack of money, income, job and his living conditions. Cindy Lowell made the motion to go into deliberation. Katie Black seconded the motion. After deliberation, Linda Reeve made the following motion. Motion to deny request but added a recommendation that Mr. McCarthy go back to Selectboard and ask for a reduction of payments to \$40.00 per month for 6 months. Cindy Lowell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Linda Martin and Kurt & Deb Klein had to leave the meeting to attend another.

John & Jeanie Bishko #06065 and John & Myron Bishko #06069

Belinda read the statement about the mix-up with Official Payments. Jeanie Bishko provided statements that the taxes had been paid in June from her

checking account through the Official payments website, but the Town of Wolcott never received them. Belinda stated that at the time the Official Payment Company was being taken over by ACI so the company is not clear who received the payments. ACI is still investigating the problem, but it has taken longer than they thought. In the meantime this needs to be settled for the tax payers as it was no fault of theirs that this happened.

Cindy Lowell made the motion to not hold the Bishko's responsible for paying the taxes again as the first payment was lost by the Town's Credit Card Company Official Payments CO. The board is not abating the taxes but making them an accounts receivable from the Credit Card Company until the money is collected. Linda Reeve seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Linda Reeve made the motion to adjourn. Cindy Lowell seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Harris Clegg
Secretary of the Board