

**Town of East Montpelier
Board of Tax Abatement**

Monday, October 29, 2018

Present: Jan Aldrich, Gene Troia, Virginia Burley, Seth Gardner, Bruce Johnson, Don Welch, Rob Chickering, Florence Morse, Ed Deegan, Rosie Laquerre, Chris Racanelli, Ross Hazel, Michael Duane, Lindy Johnson

6:30 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order a 6:32 p.m. by Ms. Aldrich, Chair.

6:35 HEARING – Town of East Montpelier

Request for Abatement of Property Taxes

Estate of Reginald Laundry – 2726 Horn of the Moon Road

Ms. Aldrich noted that the abatement was requested pursuant to 14 V.S.A §1535(a)(1), which states that the taxes of persons who have died insolvent may be abated.

Mr. Johnson reported that Mr. Laundry died in 2001. Mr. Laundry's daughter, Ellen Marsha, has lived in the home since that time, along with other family members. The taxes have been paid intermittently, with the last payment in 2015 on the 11/12 tax year. There was never a formal estate filed until 2016. This was done at the request of the Town so that a tax sale could be executed. The estate was probated, with one sister turning the property over to the other sibling in 2018. The estate is now closed. The Estate filed the abatement request.

Mr. Johnson responded to questions and general discussion ensued regarding tax sale options, property condition and who lives on the property. Mr. Gardner noted that in abating the taxes, the Marshas would be given relief from the Estate's past debt and this should provide a path forward for successful future tax payments. The group discussed this and asked the Town Clerk ensure it's inclusion in the letter advising of the abatement, with the group's anticipation that tax payments for the current year would occur on November 15, 2018, when they are due.

Mr. Gardner moved and Ms. Burley seconded abating the taxes for tax years 11/12 through 17/18 pursuant to 14 V.S.A §1535(a)(1). The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Laquerre spoke about upcoming election planning and reported higher than normal early and absentee voter turnout.

There being no further business to come before the board, the group adjourned by consensus at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk