

***Town of Montgomery***  
***Board of Abatement Hearing***  
***Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2019, 5:30 PM***  
***Public Safety Building Conference Room – 86 Mountain Rd***  
***Unapproved Meeting Minutes***

*Board of Abatement members present:* Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Lynda Cluba, Liz Reighley, Darren Drevik, Tosca Smith, Wendy Howard, Jacob Racusin, Leanne Barnard, Joseph Jones

*Visitors:* Maarit Madden

Charlie called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

1. **Review / make changes to the agenda.** No changes or additions.
2. **Consider / act on abating the balance of the taxes, penalties, and/or interest (or a portion thereof) on the request of the taxpayer, Town Treasurer, or Delinquent Tax Collector, on the following parcels:**

a. **Parcel ID 00019.019X Maarit & Bill Madden 618 Amidon Road-**

- a. This request for abatement falls under the third category under statutory criteria: “Taxes of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees. 24 V.S.A. §1535(a)(3)”. Mrs. Madden presented her request with supporting documents from the court decrees awarding 618 Amidon Rd solely to Maarit following finalization of divorce. The amount in question to be abated for 2019 taxes would be the amount of the Municipal Tax which is \$817.11; however the town cannot abate Education taxes which would still leave Mrs. Madden responsible for \$2,469.77 Non-Residential (or if the Homestead files comes through \$1836.44 in Education tax). Board members reviewed documentation provided. Discussion ensued and members were each given the chance to ask questions. Questions were brought to a close, the board thanked Maarit for her time. Mark motioned to enter into deliberative session at 6:12pm for the board to consider the request of Mrs. Madden. Darren motioned to come out of deliberative session at 6:18 p.m. Mark made a motion to deny the request of abatement based on evidence presented and discussed, seconded by Lynda, motion was passed unanimously.

Mark motioned to end the Board of Abatement Hearing, seconded by Lynda, board adjourned at 6:19pm

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Elizabeth Reighley, Clerk of the Board of Abatement*