

Town of Montgomery
Board of Abatement Hearing

Monday December 21st, 2015

5:30 PM

at

Montgomery Town Office

Minutes

Members: Scott Perry, Wendy Howard, Susan Regan, Thomas Stanley, Deanna-Dee Robitaille, Lynda Cluba, Parma Jewett, Tosca Smith, Gabrielle Marquette, Laurie "Sam" Murphy, Misty McCartney
Visitors: Elizabeth Reighley
Appellants: Christopher Pattullo & Estate of Kenneth Alexander (absent)

Pattullo Hearing called to order at 5:32 PM

- 1) Scott explained the two appeals to be heard. He also introduced the Board to the appellant and explained the hearing procedure.
- 2) The Appellant gave testimony asking for abatement of interest and penalties only. He described his financial situation and being in the process of applying for a loan to cover expenses. A warm Fall had prevented him from working as a logger. No financial documents or additional evidence was provided. He made a \$400 payment with the Delinquent Tax Collector.
- 3) The floor was opened to the Board for questions. Questions included income, tax credits (i.e. Income Sensitivity and/or Renters Rebate), unexpected expenses, contact with the Delinquent Tax Collector, and additional household income.

Hearing no more questions or comments, the Appellant left the hearing at 5:50 PM. The Board entered Deliberative Session immediately and exited at 5:55 PM.

Tosca made a motion to deny the request for abatement and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearing adjourned at 5:55 PM

Alexander Hearing called to order at 5:55 PM

- 1) Tosca recused herself from the hearing due to a past business/employment relationship.
- 2) No one appeared on behalf of the Appellant. The Board reviewed and discussed the appeal letters submitted by Mr. Cleo Alexander, executor of estate for of Kenneth Alexander, which requested abatement of 2015 taxes, interest and penalties. The Board also reviewed the 2015 Property Tax Bill.

Hearing no more questions or comments the Board entered Deliberative Session at 6:05 PM and exited at 6:25 PM.

Sue made a motion to abate penalties and interest for Tax Year 2015 and subsequent interest as accrued and was seconded. The motion was discussed. Lynda made a motion to amend the motion to abate only interest accrued from this date forward and was seconded. The motion was discussed. The amendment failed by a vote of 4 to 6.

The original motion failed by a vote of 4 to 6.

Parma made a motion to deny the request for abatement and was seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 to 4.

Hearing adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Robitaille
Board of Abatement Clerk