

Board of Abatement minutes
Wednesday, June 7, 2023 @ 6:00 pm
Waterford Town Clerk Office

In Attendance: Debra Benoit, Howard Remick, Warner Hodgdon, Marcia Martel, David Morrison, Bernard Willey, Bill Piper, Heather Gonyaw, Susan Hayes, Kevin Gillander, Michael Keach, Kym Blaisdell, Keith Powers- left meeting.

David Morrison, BCA vice chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

David Morrison stated the name of the applicant as Kym Blaisdell POA for White Mtn Trust, property address as 762 Shadow Lake Road, parcel id number 749

Introductions were made to everyone in attendance.

David Morrison read Kym Blaisdell her oath. David stated that Kym would have 15 minutes to present the case and then the board would deliberate in private to reach a decision and that Kym would receive written notice within 30 days. Keith Powers attended but due to ill health appointed his power of attorney in fact, Kym Blaisdell to present his case for a tax abatement.

Mr. Powers owes \$1541.73 for the remaining balance of the 2022 property taxes for the White Mtn Trust and seeks an abatement of any amount possible. Kym expressed Keith's medical conditions, disabilities and reduction in income for reasons as to why she is asking for an abatement. She also mentioned, in passing that he may not actually own all the 134 acres +/- reflected on his tax bill, although she did not give this as a reason for an abatement.

Deb Benoit presented a copy of the Lister card as information in regards to the property.

Sue Hayes asked if they had filed an HS-122 for assistance with paying the taxes from the State of Vermont. Kym has for 2022 but not for 2023. Sue also asked when the house fire was. Kym stated 2017.

David Morrison made a motion to deliberate in private to reach its decision. 1 V.S.A 312(e) at 6:20PM Howard Remick seconded the motion.

David Morrison made a motion to come out of private session at 6:35 PM. Marcia Martel seconded the motion. Having heard the evidence and after deliberations, having concluded that Mr. Powers did not meet the criteria for abatement pursuant to 24 VSA sec 1535, upon motion by Bill Piper, seconded by Sue Hayes, the BOA voted, unanimously that : The abatement request by Keith Powers be denied, subject to the Listers confirming that he was taxed on the correct amount of acreage. If the Listers conclude that Mr. Powers was not taxed on the correct amount of acreage, his taxes shall be abated to reflect the difference between this current tax bill and what his tax bill would have been had it been calculated on the correct acreage.

A decision will be mailed to Kym Blaisdell.

Howard Remick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernard Willey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM

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