

**Waterford Board of Abatement
Town Clerk's Office
Monday, February 12, 2018
7:15PM**

Attendees:

Board: Brent Beck, Gary Allard, Fred Saar, Dave Morrison, Bernard Willey, Marcia Martel, Howard Remick, Michael Keach, Jessy Pelow

Others: Steve Eddy, Joanne Jurentkuff, Lisle Houghton

Opening: Brent opened the Board of Abatement meeting at 7:15PM. The letter from Beth Kanell was read requesting abatement to their 2017 delinquent penalty and interest, in the amount of \$56.54. Mrs. Kanell requests abatement due to the following reasons, (1) that the finance company did its best to remedy its error in escrow payment, and (2) the interior workings of the company, as shown by having JP Morgan & CoreLogic involved, are more complicated than she can figure out while receiving treatment for health issues.

The Board reviewed the criteria of 24 V.S.A. § 1535 and find that Mr. & Mrs. Kanell do not fall under the guidelines for abatement. They feel that because of the finance company's error in not paying the escrowed taxes on time, it is the obligation of the property owner to collect the penalty & interest charge directly from the finance company.

Gary made the motion to deny the abatement request from David & Elizabeth Kanell. The request does not fall under the Board of Abatement criteria and the board advises the property owner to collect the \$56.54 directly from the finance company. David seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Gary made the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.