

Pawlet Board for the Abatement of Taxes
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Called to Order: 6:34 PM

Organization: John Malcolm nominated Chair.

Beth Moser-Duquette, Charles Weeden, Ed Cleveland, Eric Mach, John Malcolm, Rebecca Cooper, Sally Cleveland, Bob Jones, Mike Beecher, Kim Ayers, Judy Coolidge, Julie Mach, Deb Hawkins

6:30 – Dawn Wood, Town of Pawlet
2757 Route 153 South
Parcel ID #0153-2757

Sold to Kevin Meers. \$940.54 2017-18 taxes owed before the town took ownership. Town cannot tax itself. Took possession April 12 of tax year. Eric Mach motioned, seconded by Beth Moser-Duquette to abate the taxes as the town cannot tax itself. Motion Carried. Motion Carried.

William Kuban & Eric Swanson/Town of Pawlet
27 Railroad Ave.

Parcel #0018-0027

2015-216 – 1,380.66

2016-2017- 907.28

2017-2018 – 940.84

2018-2019 – 751.32

Total Property Taxes Due - \$3,980.10

2014-2015 – 1,097.38

2015-2016 – 1,795.50

2016-2017 – 1559.25

2017-2018 – 1587.60

2018-2019 – 1,260.00

Total Wastewater Fees Due - \$7,299.73

Total Due - \$11,279.83 for both tax amounts

The town purchased at tax sale November, 2017 and took ownership in 2018. Town decided to keep property due to proximity to Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Beth Moser-Duquette motioned, seconded by, Sally Cleveland – to abate the taxes and wastewater fees as the town cannot tax itself. Motion Carried.

Town feels that it is in its best interest to keep the property to allow for expansion of the WWTF in the future.

Glenn Callen & Laura Jean Callen
283 Sargent Hill Rd.
0086-0283
Maple Lawn Farm, LLC (Callen)

1851 Route 30 North
0130-1851

Two properties owned by one couple (Callens) who want the town to abate late fees and penalties. They paid their taxes (the amount due) in March well after the due date.

Kim Ayers read a letter which referenced the two checks enclosed; one for Sargent Hill and the other for the route 30 property. Mr. Callen suggested to Kim (in the letter) going forward that he would pay on time. He also suggested reminders should be sent. He added that he does not intend to pay the fees.

Sargent Hill - \$644.39 balance due as interest and penalties come off the top so it is actually principal that is due that is equal to the amount of interest and penalties.

Route 30 - \$304.04 balance due as interest and penalties come off the top as mentioned above.
\$948.43 total balance due as of April 2.

Julie Mach read the letter that goes with each tax bill with clear reminders of when payments are due including the hours. Mentions that this is the only bill that the taxpayer will receive and includes a sticker for the calendar.

Sally Cleveland – amount due will continue to go up?

Kim Ayers – yes it will. 1 ½ % interest per month.

283 Sargent Hill – Eric Mach motioned, seconded by Beth Moser-Duquette to deny the request for abatement based on not meeting the required criteria for abatement per 24 VSA §1535 (a). Motion Carried.

1851 Route 30 North – Michael Beecher motioned, seconded by Ed Cleveland to deny the request for abatement based on not meeting the required criteria for abatement per 24 VSA §1535 (a). Motion Carried.

Eric Mach motioned, seconded by Beth Moser-Duquette to adjourn at 7:17 PM. Motion Carried.