

**Board of Abatement**  
**November 29, 2016 6:00 pm**

**Attendance:** The meeting was called to order by acting chair Don McLean, at 6:02 pm, members present were: Penny Marine, Fred Humphrey, Amanda Franklin, Doug Hunt, Lisa Barry, Shaun Murphy, Patricia Haine, Richard Clark, Lori Nelson and Cathi Wilken.

**Discussion:** Abatement Hearing Request: parcel 504, 1352 Stage RD Guilford, VT and parcel 565 1428 Stage RD Guilford, VT.

Lisa has made testament: The reason to have abatement is to correct or prevent an injustice to a tax payer. The board only has the power to grant abatement if it finds that the taxpayer falls within the statutory criteria of 24 V.S.A §1535(a). According to the state statute §1535(a) taxes can be abated when the appellants case meets one of the 7 valid criteria.

Upon review of letter and information presented at the hearing, with lengthy discussion it is believed that Ms. Rabinowitz has no grounds for abatement. Ms. Rabinowitz did not present enough information or details to support her claim. With very lengthy discussion and consideration the Board of Abatement does not feel that the circumstances although sympathetic would be permissible for abatement under statute guidelines.

Lori Nelson made a motion to disallow the abatement of Penalty and Fred Humphrey has seconded. Richard Clark has also agreed to the motion to disallow abatement and has called the question. Unanimous vote to reject abatement. Fred Humphrey moved to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Barry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

Penny Marine, Town Clerk