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Lister's Office
ATTN: Homestead Appeal
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to appeal the homestead declaration penalty, Parcel number 08-004-400, 722 Tigertown Road, Norwich VT. I was informed by the lister's office that I am late in making the appeal. I ask for your understanding in that I have received three different copies of my tax bill - the original, and revised editions on 08/25/20 and 09/02/2020 - causing confusion as to tax status and due dates. I called both the financial and lister's office for clarification, which also took time.

My taxes are done by a local tax service (aka TaxMan). On 02/17/2020 at 12:30PM, I met with TaxMan to start my tax process. My taxes were not completed that day as we had to wait for information from the IRS. In March, when COVID hit, TaxMan informed me that the tax due was postponed to July 15, 2020, allowing plenty of time for the IRS to get the information I needed completed.

On 07/10/2020 I obtained the information needed from the IRS, and quickly faxed it to TaxMan so that we could get taxes in. I received notice that he had been very sick, requiring major surgeries, and had been in and out of the hospital. TaxMan had managed to file an extension for my taxes to October, 2020. He did not mention anything about the Homestead Declaration, which of course was to be filed with my taxes.


I spoke with TaxMan on Monday 09/01/2020, and faxed him the notices I received from the Town of Norwich. He told me he would write a letter explaining his severe medical condition, so that I could include it with this appeal to you. I have not heard anything from him since last week. This leads me to believe he may, in fact, be back in the hospital.

TasMan filed my taxes on 08/16/2020, but of course this was past the 07/15/2020 deadline for the Homestead Declaration. I have had no way of managing this situation as TaxMan has had (and still has) all of my original documentation. He is a sole proprietor, with no staff, so there is no one who can forward my property to me.

I am appealing the penalty, as I had no way to get the Homestead Declaration done in time. With all of my paperwork in TaxMan's possession, and with him not returning calls due to his medical state, my hands have been tied.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, accepting this appeal and canceling the penalty.

Sincerely,


Judi Daigle
(aka Jud.th)