

**Town of Eden  
71 Old Schoolhouse Rd  
Eden Mills, VT 05653**

**Board of Abatement Meeting**

The Eden Board of Abatement met at the Town Office on April 7, 2026. Present were: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Timothy Bullard, H. Bruce Burnor, Leslie White, Tracey Morin, Amy Fitzgerald, Melissa Whitcomb, Molly Morin, Steve Schmelzer and Lorae McCall (by phone).

Bruce opened the meeting at 6:00PM.

Northern Lights Retreat LLC/Lorae McCall:

The reason for this abatement hearing was to act on a request from Lorae McCall to abate interest accrued on the February 15, 2026 tax installment on two properties located on Lake Eden, parcels 11.03.76 and 12.01.09.03. Bruce read Lorae's letter which stated that she paid these taxes online from her bank account on 2/12/26 and that for some reason the bank did not send payment until 8 days later. She stated that she has never had a late payment before and is requesting a refund of the fees. Lorae joined by phone and explained the situation and stated that normally payments are processed at the bank within a few days but for some reason this one was going to take several days once requested and that she never has late payments. Bruce asked her if she had anything else to add, which she did not. At this time, Lorae left the meeting.

Facts of finding were that a check dated 2/20/26 was received on 2/23/26 at the Town Office. To be considered timely, a check must be received or postmarked by the due date. Lorae did not present any information regarding inability to pay, which was what was selected as the statutory criteria on her submission. Based on discussion of these facts, Tim made a motion to deny the abatement and Clayton seconded. The motion was approved and a written decision will be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Melissa Whitcomb Town Clerk/Treasurer