Application for Abatement of Property Taxes

36 M.R.S. §§ 841-849, and Property Tax Bulletin No. 10

Please read all instructions before completing this application.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

2. Mailing Address of applicant: _____

3. Physical location of property (if different from above): _____

4. Map and Lot number: _____

5. Phone: _____ Email: _____

6. Tax year for which abatement is requested: _____

7. Assessed value of real estate: Land: _____ Building: _____

8. Assessed value of personal property: _____

9. Reduction requested in real estate value: Land: _____ Building: _____

10. Reduction requested in personal property value: _____

11. Reason(s) for requesting abatement (please be specific about the reason(s) you believe the assessment is illegal, erroneous, or that the property is overvalued for tax purposes, and include supporting documentation such as comparable sales and deed references):

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To the Board of Assessors of the Municipality of West Bath:

I declare that I have examined this document and (if applicable) accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief they are true, correct, and complete.

Applicant Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Printed Name(s): _____

Date received by Town Office: _____

Date reviewed by Board of Assessors: _____

Abatement is: _____.

The decrease in valuation is: _____ Date: _____

Keith Hinds, Chair

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Ashleigh Randall

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Karly Perry

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Instructions

Submit this application to the Town of West Bath, 219 Fosters Point Road, West Bath, ME 04530, within 185 days of commitment. Commitment is the date when the annual property tax is determined, and bills are generated. An abatement request is not a guarantee of reduced tax or property valuation. By law, a taxpayer must prove that the actual value of their property is lower than the Town's assessment. Proof may include, for example, documentation of recent sales or similar property or a significant error on the taxpayer's property card.

If you do not pay your tax bill due to a pending abatement request, you will be charged interest on any past due tax, even if the abatement is later granted and your tax bill is reduced. If you pay the full amount of your tax when due and an abatement is later granted, the Town of West Bath will refund the amount of tax you overpaid. For more information about the abatement and appeals process, see Tax Bulletin No. 10 Abatement and Appeals Procedures.

Line 1. Name. Enter the name of the property owner as it appears on your tax bill.

Line 2. Mailing Address. Enter the address where the Town should send all correspondence regarding this abatement request.

Line 3. Physical location. Enter the location of the property if the address is different than the mailing address.

Line 4. Map and Lot. Please include the map and lot number that appears on the tax bill for the property.

Line 5. Phone and Email. Enter the best contact information for the Town to get in touch with you.

Line 6. Tax year. Enter the year or years for which you are requesting an abatement.

Lines 7 and 8. Please include the assessed value that appears on the tax bill for the property.

Lines 9 and 10. Enter the amount that you want subtracted from the value on line 7 or 8. For example, if the property is valued at $200,000 and you believe the correct value is $175,000, enter $25,000 on this line. If you are granted a reduction in value, that amount will be multiplied by the property tax rate to determine the tax abatement.

Line 11. Reason(s) for requesting abatement. Summarize your request for an abatement of taxes. To receive an abatement of taxes, a taxpayer must prove that their property is overvalued or that there is some other illegality or error in their assessment. Include the reasons why you think your property should be valued at a lower amount and submit any associated proof to this application.