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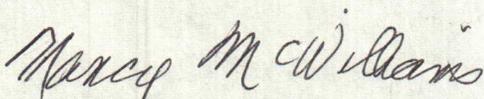
To Whom It May Concern:

I am appealing the board's decision against us for tax relief.

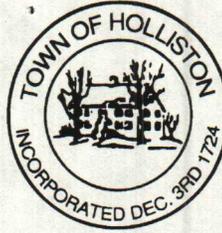
An application was filed with your office in early March. Approximately a month later, I received a phone call informing me that a signature was needed on the application. I went to the office the same day. I was then told that even though I was signing the forms, my application was incomplete because I also needed to submit a hardship application and the deadline for that was the previous Friday. I had no way of knowing this. When a tax relief application was requested by my husband in February, he should have been advised of this at that time, not a month later and after the deadline. Despite this, the application was accepted and when I asked when the review would take place, I was informed by Mary Bousquet that she had been trying unsuccessfully to get the board together and was hoping that it would take place on Monday April 7, 2014. I had not heard anything and waited because I thought that the meeting had not taken place. Then at the end of May, approximately a month later, I made an inquiry and was told that we were denied in April. The board felt that since my son & his family live with us, they should be helping out. When I asked Mrs. Bousquet why it took so long to inform us of this decision, she basically said she was overworked and I could apply for and appeal but it had to be done by June 16, (in less than 2 weeks) when the board would meet. I asked for the denial in writing. The letter I received, dated May 30, 2014, stated that our income was too high. There was no mention of my son.

The application is for my husband & me and the expenses are ours alone. My son and his family are a separate household and if his income is being considered, then so should his expenses. I feel that the application was improperly handled. There were delays on the part of the board, lack of information and communication given to us and mixed information on the part of the board. I would like our application reconsidered.

Yours truly,

  
Nancy McWilliams

Cc: Mary Bousquet, Board of Selectmen



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July 1, 2014

Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams  
47 Overlook Drive  
Holliston, MA 01746

RE: Application for Tax Relief

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams:

The Elderly and Disabled Taxation Committee met on June 17, 2014, to discuss your request to have your denial reviewed.

The Committee has voted to uphold the denial of your application for the following reason(s):

Denial is based on an understanding of need based on the fact that the taxpayers' have earned income and unearned income from dividends and pensions, as well as a choice to not include son's income in their household budget. The original stated purpose of this Committee was to provide tax assistance to those who demonstrated an inability to pay taxes owed, specifically elderly and disabled taxpayers, neither of which category would apply to you.

Please feel free to continue to apply for tax relief and apply for any exemptions you may be eligible for through the Board of Assessors. Applications are available beginning in July.

Very truly yours,

Laura Matz, Chairperson and  
James T. Lane, Vice Chair  
Elderly and Disabled Taxation Committee