

TOWN OF WALDOBORO, MAINE
METHOD OF SEEKING ABATEMENT

MRSA Title 36 §841 provides that a property owner who believes his local property tax is excessive must seek relief through a written request to the local assessors, made within 185 days from the date the tax was committed to the tax collector (which is usually shortly before the tax bill is mailed) stating the abatement requested, and the reasons for requesting the abatement.

The local assessors shall give written notice of their decision within 60 days from the date of the filing of such application, unless the applicant shall, in writing, have consented to further delay.

If the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the decision of the local assessors, he may appeal within 60 days to the County Commissioners. Appeal is first made to the County Commissioners; further appeal may be made to the Superior Court.

In any proceedings relating to a protested assessment, it shall be sufficient defense of such assessment that it is accurate within reasonable limits of practicality, except when proven deviation of 10% or more from the relevant assessment ratio of the municipality exists.

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT

Owners Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Property Tax Map:

Lot:

Tax Year for which Abatement is Requested:

	Land	Buildings	Exemption	Total	Property Tax
Current Assessed Value					
Amount of Abatement Requested					

What is your estimate of the fair market value for your property? _____

Reasons for requesting abatement (please be specific, stating grounds for belief that property is overvalued for tax purposes)? Attach pictures, additional information, and supporting docs.

The above statements are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____ Owners Signature: _____

Owners Signature: _____

Submit to: Board of Assessors,
P.O. Box J.
Waldoboro, ME 04572-0911