

Richard M. and Elizabeth Savage

v.

Department of Revenue Administration

Docket No.: 18815-01HR

FINAL ORDER

This order responds to the department of revenue administration's ("DRA") statement filed in accordance with the board's April 30, 2002 order. The board ordered the parties file statements as to why this appeal should not be dismissed because the "Taxpayers" failed to meet the residency requirement pursuant to RSA 198:51, III (b). The Taxpayers did not respond. The DRA stated the appeal should be dismissed because "... the applicants had not resided in the homestead since November 3, 1998 in accordance with RSA 198:51, III (b)."

Based on the evidence contained in the file, the board dismisses the appeal because the Taxpayers did not meet the requirement of RSA 198:51, III (b). The board finds the DRA's denial of the Taxpayers' Education Property Tax Hardship Relief Application was proper.

A motion for rehearing, reconsideration or clarification (collectively "rehearing motion") of this decision must be filed within thirty (30) days of the clerk's date below, not the date this decision is received. RSA 541:3; TAX 201.37(a). The rehearing motion must state with specificity all of the reasons supporting the request. RSA 541:4; TAX 201.37(b). A rehearing motion is granted only if the moving party establishes: 1) the decision needs clarification; or 2) based on the Page 2

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evidence and arguments submitted to the board, the board's decision was erroneous in fact or in law. Thus, new evidence and new arguments are only allowed in very limited circumstances as stated in board rule TAX 201.37(f). Filing a rehearing motion is a prerequisite for appealing to the supreme court, and the grounds on appeal are limited to those stated in the rehearing motion. RSA 541:6. Generally, if the board denies the rehearing motion, an appeal to the supreme court must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date on the board's denial.

SO ORDERED.

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

Paul B. Franklin, Chairman

Michele E. LeBrun, Member

Douglas S. Ricard, Member

Albert F. Shamash, Esq., Member

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing order have this date been mailed, postage prepaid, to Richard M. and Elizabeth Savage, Taxpayers; and Kathleen J. Sher, Esq., Department of Revenue Administration.

Dated: June 4, 2002

Anne M. Bourque, Deputy Clerk