

To be approved at next BoA meeting

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING
Held on September 27, 2023

The Board of Abatement meeting was called to order in person by Board Chair Tabitha Tant at 6:53 PM in the Alumni Hall 2nd floor meeting room, Barre, VT. In attendance were: Rosemary Averill, Tom Kelly, Patti Bisson, Emel Cambel, Lisa Liotta, Amanda Gustin, Haley Pero, Tess Taylor, Teddy Waszazak, Karen Lauzon, Thom Lauzon, and City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Dawes.

Members absent: Peter Anthony, Ivana Argenti, Tim Boltin, Michael Boutin, Michael Deering, Jake Hemmerick, Brian Parker, Samn Stockwell, and William Toborg.

The Board approved the minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member T. Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

The Board talked about applications and process for hearing abatement requests associated with damage caused by the July flooding and heavy rains. Clerk Dawes shared a list of 42 requests received to date, and noted she expects to receive quite a few more. There was discussion on standardizing the process to assure fairness, categorizing requests to assist in processing, and lobbying the state and legislature to provide assistance for abatement of education taxes. Board Members Lauzon, Averill, Bisson and Gustin will work with the Clerk to fine-tune the application and process for flood-related abatements. The goal will be to finalize the documents and process to be presented to and approved by the full board following the October 25th BCA hearings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM on motion of Board Member Waszazak, seconded by Board Member T. Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, Clerk/Treasurer