

To be approved at next BoA meeting

BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING  
Held on September 28, 2022

Board Chair Amanda Gustin called to order the meeting of the Board of Abatement at 6:27 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Barre, VT. Members present were: Jo Perreault, Lisa Liotta, Jake Hemmerick, Ivana Argenti, Peter Anthony, William Toborg, Teddy Waszazak, Thom Lauzon, Samn Stockwell, Patti Bisson, Tess Taylor, Interim Assessor Janet Shatney, and City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Dawes.

Members absent: Michael Boutin, Emel Cambel, Michael Deering, Bob Houle, Kimberlie Koalenz-Rosa, Karen Lauzon, Brian Parker, and Louise Parks.

The Board approved the minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting as previously sent via email on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

Chair Gustin opened the abatement hearings, and reviewed the process for the hearings.

**BOA 2022-05: Doug & Renee Brent – 24 Fecteau Circle #17. Parcel #0573-0024.0E17.**

Chair Gustin administered the oath to appellant Doug Brent, and it was noted he recently retired as chief of the Barre City Fire Department. Chief Brent said it came to light earlier this year that they were being taxed for the land under their condominium, however the Country Way Condominium Association pays taxes on all the land within the complex. This “double taxation” has been in effect the past three years, and was corrected for the current tax year. Chief Brent said it was also noted that their condominium was assessed for more than the mirror image unit at the other end of the building, in spite of being virtually identical. The assessment on the condo was also adjusted for the current year, but was taxed at the higher amount for the previous three years. It was noted in Chief Brent’s grievance letter to Interim Assessor Shatney that they purchased the condo in 2018 for \$225,000. Chief Brent said they recently sold the condo for \$279,500.

The hearing was closed and carried into deliberative session on motion of Board Member Perreault, seconded by Board Member T Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

The Board went into deliberative session at 6:37 PM on motion of Board Member T. Lauzon, seconded by Board Member Anthony. **Motion carried.**

The Board came out of deliberative session at 6:43 PM on motion of Board Member Toborg, seconded by Board Member Anthony. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes noted the decision of the Board of Abatement will be mailed to the appellant within 15 days, as per statute.

Chair Gustin adjourned the Board meeting at 6:44 PM.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, Clerk/Treasurer