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Town of Londonderry Board of Abatement Hearing Minutes

The Board of Abatement for the Town of Londonderry met on October 9, 2023 @ 5:30 in the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street South Londonderry, VT 05155.

In attendance: Maureen Cronin, Julie Charlton, Debbie O’Leary, Elizabeth Labeau, Sandra Clark, Melissa Brown, Martha Dale, Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Tom Platt, Judy Platt, Center Merrill, Dana Zazinski, Wallace Fischer, and Cathy Fischer.

The members of the Board of Abatement that were present were sworn in. The Chair went over the process for the Hearing. Tom and Judy Platt were sworn in. They presented their information about the July 10, 2023, flood and its impact on their buildings and businesses located at 2136 & 2116 North Main Street. Their property details, tax payment information and abatement request were listed on their Information Form. Center Merrill was sworn in. He presented their information about the July 10, 2023, flood and its impacts on his buildings located at 2022 & 2046 North Main Street and the businesses that rent from him. His property details, tax payment information and abatement request were listed on his Information Form. Dana Zazinski was sworn in. She spoke about July 10, 2023, storm, and flood, plus a lightning strike that occurred on July 11, 2023, at her home located at 347 Main Street. Her property details, tax payment information and abatement request were listed on her Information Form. Wallace & Cathy Fischer were sworn in. They spoke about the July 10, 2023, flood event and how it impacted their home located at 2418 Vt Rt 11. Their property details, tax payment information and abatement request were listed on their Information Form.

Marth Dale made a motion to go into deliberative session to discuss the applicant’s abatement requests.

Julie Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The following motions were made outside of deliberative session.

Tina Labeau made a motion to abate 2023 taxes for 2136 North Main Street owned by Tom and Judy Platt for 180 days of prorated taxes at \$18.36 per day in the amount of \$3,304.12 and the total interest and penalty for property taxes in the amount of \$603.00. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tina Labeau made a motion to abate 2023 taxes for 2116 North Main Street owned by Tom and Judy Platt for 180 days of prorated taxes at \$13.63 per day in the amount of \$2453.70 and the total interest and penalty for property taxes in the amount of \$447.80. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tina Labeau made a motion to abate 2023 taxes for 2022 & 2046 North Main Street owned by Center Merrill for 180 days of prorated taxes at \$19.48 per day in the amount of \$3,505.59. Martha Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tina Labeau made a motion to abate 2023 taxes for 347 Main Street owned by Dana Zazinski for 90 days of prorated taxes at \$7.88 per day in the amount of \$708.96. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. Debbie O'Leary recused herself from this vote based on the Town's conflict of interest policy and having a personal friendship with the appellant. The motion passed.

Tina Labeau made a motion to abate 2023 taxes for 2418 VT Route 11 owned by Wallace and Cathy Fischer for 180 days of prorated taxes at \$14.85 per day in the amount of \$2,672.79. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. There was some discussion about Fischer's homestead status and that the proration numbers were figured at the homestead rate even though their original tax bill was at a non-homestead rate. Tina Labeau amended her motion to abate 2023 taxes for 2418 VT Route 11 owned by Wallace and Cathy Fischer for 180 days of prorated taxes at \$15.26 per day in the amount of \$2,746.37. Julie Charlton seconded the amendment to the motion. The vote to amend the motion passed. The vote on the motion as amended passed.

Elizabeth Labeau made a motion to adjourn. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

October 9, 2023	Hearing Requested By:
5:30pm	Thomas & Judy Platt, 2136 & 2116 North Main Street, commercial property
5:50pm	Center Merrill, 2022 & 2046 North Main Street, commercial property
6:10pm	Dana Zazinski, 347 Main Street, residential property
6:30pm	Wallace & Cathy Fischer, 2418 VT Route 11, residential property