

Town of Londonderry Board of Abatement Hearings Minutes

The Board of Abatement for the Town of Londonderry met on December 13, 2023 beginning at 5:30pm at the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

In Attendance: Martha Dale, Helena Wu, Elizabeth Labeau, Tina Labeau, Kelly Pajala, Sandra Clark, Julie Charlton, Maureen Cronin, Darcy Duval, Tom Cavanagh, David Johnson, Tom Platt and Judy Platt.

The hearing was called to order at 5:33. Members of the board who had not previously been sworn in took the Board of Abatement Oath.

David Johnson, owner of 2170 North Main Street PID 102017, was given the Abatement Board procedures and was sworn in. The Board introduced themselves. There was no conflict of interest declared by any board member. Mr. Johnson spoke about the damage to his property from the July 10, 2023 flood. He spoke about the work done to reopen the businesses renting the building and the costs to do repairs. He spoke about funding he got through insurance and community organizations to help cover repair costs. He spoke about loss of rental income from the business and residential rentals.

Martha Dale made a motion to go into deliberative session to discuss David Johnson's abatement request. Helena Wu seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board came out of deliberative session. Tina made a motion to abate 120 days of property taxes on 2170 North Main Street at a daily rate of \$20.08 totaling \$2,409.87. Helena seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom and Judy Platt's hearing on their property located at 2152 North Main Street, PID 102016 started at 5:52pm. Tom & Judy were given the Abatement Board procedures and were sworn in. The Board introduced themselves. There was no conflict of interest declared by any board member. The Platts spoke about all three of their properties on North Main Street and the long-term impacts of the July flooding on each of the buildings. The restaurant, gift shop, gallery and market are not making any money. Tenants are still living in all the apartments. They spoke about the old post office building and the difficulty of the FEMA elevation project they did there. That building fared very well in the July flood. The restaurant building will not be fixed up for another year or two. The market building should be open in December. There was discussion about the long term use of the restaurant building.

Tom Cavanagh made a motion to go into deliberative session. Martha seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board came out of deliberative session. Maureen made a motion to abate the penalty and interest on the old post office building at 2152 North Main Street in the amount of \$243.45. Elizabeth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tina made a motion to abate the amount of interest that has been added to the Garden Market building, PID 102012 in the amount of \$50.44. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tina made a motion to abate the amount of interest that has been added to the Restaurant building PID 2136 North Main Street, in the amount of \$67.92. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed. Maureen abstained from voting.

Elizabeth made a motion to adjourn at 6:47. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed.