

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Royalton Board of Tax Abatement  
December 5, 2016  
7:00 p.m. Town Offices Conference Room  
2460 Vermont Route 14, South Royalton, Vermont 05068**

Members present: Selectboard; Larry Trottier, Peg Ainsworth, Phil Gates and Sandra Conrad. Justices of the Peace; David Ainsworth, Joshua Powers, Bruce Post, Allison Fulcher, Alison Gravel, William Ballou, Sue Cain, Sandra Conrad, John Dumville and Hoyt Bingham. Listers; Jeff Barcelow. Treasurer; LuAnn Bingham. Clerk; Karmen Bascom.

Members absent: Selectboard; Joan Goldstein. Listers; Walter Hastings and Bruce Washburn.

Guests present: none.

The Royalton Board of Tax Abatement met at the Town Offices Conference Room on Monday, December 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Joshua "Bushrod" Powers. With no guests present to discuss additional abatement information, no deliberative session occurred and all decisions were made directly after each case was reviewed.

**Agenda**

**I Abatement Requests**

**A. B & C Rentals Parcel # G--460**

B & C Rentals requested an abatement hearing on a previously denied request for interest totaling \$311.75 on a property purchased at tax sale. An additional document, per Bea McCullough's request was presented, noting their concerns about how they were treated during the original abatement hearings.

Motion to abate was denied. Reasoning: request did not meet abatement criteria.

**B. W. Williams Parcel # S--200**

The Williams' requested an abatement of their property due to a fire in June of 2016. Photographs were shown. Motion to abate \$3,795.00, based on the estimated homestead value portion of taxes for the full tax year was made and seconded. Motion carried with one opposed.

**C. H. Rippon Parcel # A--80**

Hal Rippon requested an abatement of his property due to fire in January of 2016. Photographs were shown. Motion to abate \$375.00, based on one half year's taxes of approximately one half of the value of the entire property. Both home and lot were judged to be of equal value due to subsequent deterioration of home. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried with one opposed.

**D. Other Requests** No additional requests made at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk