

Minutes of the Meeting of the Royalton Board of Tax Abatement
Wednesday, March 29th, 2017
7:00 p.m. Town Offices: Clerk
2460 Vermont Route 14, South Royalton, Vermont 05068

Members present: Selectboard; Sandy Conrad, Tim Dreisbach and Gidget Lyman. Justices of the Peace; David Ainsworth, Joshua Powers, Bruce Post, Allison Fulcher, Alison Gravel, Sue Cain, John Dumville and Sandra Conrad. Listers; Jeff Barcelow and Walter Hastings. Clerk; Karmen Bascom.

Members absent: Selectboard; Larry Trottier and Peg Ainsworth. Justices of the Peace; William Ballou and Hoyt Bingham. Lister; Bruce Washburn. Treasurer; LuAnn Bingham.

Guests present: Aaron Godfrey

The Royalton Board of Tax Abatement met at the clerk office on Wednesday, March 29th, 2017 at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made and seconded to appoint Joshua Powers as chair for the year term. Motion carried. Chair Powers asked Aaron Godfrey to present his case.

Agenda

I Abatement Requests

Chair Powers offered Aaron Godfrey the first presentation due to the fact he was the only requestor there. Mr. Godfrey explained that his father's family home had burnt down on March 19th, 2017 and request \$500 be abated on formerly paid taxes for fiscal year 2016/2017. Mr. Godfrey presented pictures of the destroyed home.

Chair Powers thanked Mr. Godfrey for his time. The board then moved into deliberative session to discuss Godfrey Parcel V—1050, Cook Parcel O—350 and Delcore Parcel J—579.

Upon exiting deliberative session the following decisions were made:

A: D. Delcore, Parcel J—579

No action taken at this time.

B: V. Cook, Parcel O—350

Due to a death in the family and the taxpayer being unable to pay taxes, interest and collection fees, a motion was made and seconded to amend the original requested amount of \$697.14 to \$300.00 (the approximate portion remaining on town taxes, penalties and interest for 2016.)

Motion carried. By show of hands, motion to abate \$300.00 carried with nine in favor; three opposed; remaining abstained.

C: S. Godfrey, Parcel V—1050

Due to a March 19th, 2017 fire, motion was made and seconded to amend the original request of \$500.00 to \$250.00 (amount based on previously collected taxes for the approximate remaining house-site portion of taxes from the month the home burned through June 30th, 2017.)

Motion to amend carried. Motion to abate \$250.00 carried with Lyman recused and one opposed.

D: Other Requests

No additional requests made at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk