

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Royalton Board of Tax Abatement
Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Offices: Meeting Room
2460 Vermont Route 14, South Royalton, Vermont 05068

Members present: Justices of the Peace; Chair Bushrod Powers, Allison Fulcher, Sue Cain and Bill Ballou. Selectboard; Larry Trottier and Gidget Lyman. Listers; Jeff Barcelow, Walter Hastings and Brad Morrill-Cornelius. Treasurer; LuAnn Bingham. Clerk; Karmen Bascom.

Members absent: Justice of the Peace; David Ainsworth, Alison Gravel, Bruce Post, Sandra Conrad, John Dumville and Hoyt Bingham. Selectboard; Sandra Conrad, Tim Dreisbach and Chris Noble.

Witnesses: Tim Miller, Suzanne Trottier and Josh Moore.

Public: none.

The Royalton Board of Tax Abatement met at the town offices meeting room on Tuesday, December 11th, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bushrod Powers at 6:35 p.m.

Upon written request of appellant Tim Miller, Parcel S—240 owned by The United Church of South Royalton, a request was made to abate \$2,496.00, approximately 80% of the current property tax bill because the church operates a non-profit community food-shelf alongside a rental trailer on the same lot. Questions and discussion ensued. Chair Powers thanked everyone for coming and the Board of Tax Abatement entered deliberative session.

Upon exiting deliberative session Walter Hastings motioned to abate the \$2,496.00, Brad Morrill-Cornelius seconded. Chair Powers called for vote: All in favor: none. All opposed: ten, with Bascom recused. Motion to abate did not carry. Decision was based on the board's determination that the abatement request did not fall within the limited scope of the statutory criteria they must follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk