

Board of Abatement

Town of Hartland Vermont
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May 21, 2025

Present: Barbara Barbour, Andrea Farrington, John Bartholomew, Pat Richardson, Bill Donohue, Phil Hobbie, Clyde Jenne, Johanna Knowles, Karen Clark, Trace Tancreti, Matt Dunne, Brian Stroffolino, Jim Rielly, Bettina Read

Absent: Tom Kennedy, Molly Delaney

Appellant: Bruce Jersey, Nancy North will be speaking for Bruce

The clerk called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Brian Stroffolino elected as chair. Bill Donohue elected as vice chair.

5:40pm Nancy North and Bruce Jersey arrive. Brian Stroffolino calls the hearing to order at 5:42. Brian swore Nancy North and Bruce Jersey in.

Brian asked if there are any conflicts of interest. None

Nancy North, Town Nurse, introduced herself and will be speaking on Bruce's behalf. She spoke of Bruce Jersey's financial situation. Bruce has been seeking assistance and has received help paying his back park rent. Bruce had been receiving money from a family fund that had run out. HCRS has been involved in helping Bruce get Social Security and disability.

Bill Donohue asked about Bruces address and clarification about "rent". Phil Hobbie this is because the trailer is unlanded and resides at Dale's Mobile home park.

Pat Richardson asked when Bruce will receive Social Security.

Nancy clarified that Bruce will turn 62 in August and will receive SS after that time.

John Bartholomew asked if this request was just for this tax year. Nancy answered yes.

Nancy also mentioned that Bruce did not file his homestead to reduce taxes but he will receive support filing this for the next tax year.

Brian asked for clarification on the total about asked for abatement. Nancy answered as much as possible.

Andrea asked for classification on the building. That he doesn't own the land but just the trailer.

John Bartholomew asked if the property was assessed properly.

Clyde mentioned that it is a doublewide. Nancy added that there is also a garage on the property and there was no question about the assessed value.

Brian closes the meeting at 5:53 to enter deliberative session.

After deliberation, the board agreed that Bruce's situation is temporary and had he filed his homestead declaration, he would likely not owe anything in taxes. Bruce's willingness to seek assistance for his other financial struggles and the continued support of HCRS and Nancy North, lead the board to believe that Bruce will not require abatement next year as he will be receiving assistance.

Jim Rielly makes a motion to adjourn at 6:04