

Board of Abatement

Town of Hartland Vermont
PO BOX 349
Hartland VT 05048-0349

April 24, 2023

Present: Barbara Barbour, John Bartholomew, Thomas Campbell, Molly Delaney, William Donahue, Matt Dunne, Phil Hobbie, Clyde Jenne, Thomas Kennedy, Patricia Richardson, and Jim Rielly.

Absent: Mandi Potter, and Bettina Read.

Listers: Stacey Bradley and Bob Quaderer

Town Clerk: Brian Stroffolino

Treasurer: Cheryl Perry

Appellant: Steve Howard (Agent/Representative - Heather Hoover)

Public Present: Martin Dole

5:35 PM hearing called to order.

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for a Chair of the Hartland Board of Abatement. Barbara Barbour nominated Thomas Kennedy as Chair; Patricia Richardson seconded. Thomas Kennedy declined.

Barbara Barbour nominated Patricia Richardson as Chair; William Donahue seconded. Patricia Richardson declined.

Patricia Richardson nominated William Donahue as Chair; Thomas Kennedy seconded. William Donahue accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Thomas Kennedy nominated Patricia Richardson as Vice Chair; Stacey Bradley seconded. Patricia Richardson accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Case #1: Steve Howard (Agent/Representative - Heather Hoover)

Home completely lost by fire April 2, 2023, 211 Mace Hill Rd. Hartland, VT

Parcel I.D.# 013115.000 SPAN# 288-091-10648

William Donahue administered oaths to Steve Howard, Heather Hoover, the Listers and the Board of Abatement.

Neither Steve Howard nor Heather Hoover had additional information or evidence to provide the board with beyond the abatement request form and a copy of the most current tax bill.

Lister Stacey Bradley suggested that the requested amount of abatement on the application presented was inaccurate since the calculations included the land and home. The abatement request must be specifically for the lost home. She provided her own calculations based on the percentage of taxes for the home for the period of April 2, 2023, to June 30, 2023. That figure was \$122.72.

William Donahue asked Steve Howard and Heather Hoover if they understood the calculations and the rationale for only abating the percentage of taxes of the home from April 2, 2023, to June 30, 2023. They both understood and agreed.

Jim Rielly asked Stacey Bradley when the last appraisal of the home was. Stacey Bradley replied that it was during the town-wide re-appraisal in 2019.

The Listers, Stacey Bradley and Bob Quaderer, recused themselves given that they provided information and new calculations.

At 5:40 PM the hearing closed.

Jim Rielly moved to enter deliberation; Patricia Richardson seconded. All in favor.

Deliberative session 5:40 PM

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Brian Stroffolino

Town Clerk