

Board of Civil Authority – Abatement Hearing- March 11, 2025 Minutes

Members Present: Mary Whitaker, Lenore Renaud, Robin Leslie, Ken Leslie, Tracy Martin, Matt Krajeski, Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Tim Ricciardello and Amy Rosenthal

Others Present: Tonia Chase, Town Clerk, Jeremy and Leslie Michaud

The meeting was called to order by Tonia Chase at 6:01 p.m.

Item #1

Elect a chairperson to govern 2025-2026 BCA Meetings.

Robin Leslie nominated by Lenore Renaud and seconded by Ceilidh Galloway-Kane
All in favor, Robin is elected chair.

Item #3 was moved first because requestors, Jeremy and Leslie Michaud, were in attendance.

Item #3

Abatement of taxes, owned by Jeremy and Leslie Michaud, 170 School Street, 2024-2025 tax year for \$5,677.98

Jeremy Michaud explained the reason for the abatement request. He stated their building burned down on December 04, 2024, and was a complete loss. The amount requested is for building value from date of fire to end of tax year.

Ceilidh Galloway-Kane asked Matt if property would be re-valued for 2025-2026 tax year, and he said yes. Matt also shared photos of the property with board and that they agree it is a total loss.

Meeting was paused and Michaud's stepped out for BCA to go into deliberative session.

Ceilidh Galloway-Kane moved to abate \$5,677.98 under criteria #5
Seconded by Lenore Renaud
Motion approved

Michaud's called back into meeting and informed of decision.

Item #2

Abatement of taxes, owned by Town of Hardwick (formally Brian Palilonis), 2832 Craftsbury Road, 2024-2025 tax year for \$1,244.25

Tonia explained that this property was damaged in the 2023 flood and received buyout, transfer happened just after Grand List was set. There is no longer a building on property.

Tim Ricciardello moved to abate \$1,244.25 under criteria #5
Seconded by Ken Leslie
Motion approved

Item #4

Abatement of taxes, owned by James Anair, 24 Sawmill Lane, 2024-2025 tax year for \$194.75

Matt explained that this property was damaged in the 2023 flood and that the Grand List value was adjusted for 2024-2025 tax year. This property is in the process of FEMA buyout and is unlivable.

Matt mentioned that owners have gone through hardship and since they cannot live there, they are paying rent on another home.

Tracy mentioned that if the buyout process did not take so long, they would not still own property.

Tim Ricciardello moved to abate \$194.75 under criteria #5

Seconded by Lenore Renaud

Motion approved

Motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. by Tim Ricciardello

Seconded by Amy Rosenthal

Motion approved

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Tonia Chase, Town Clerk

Approved by:
