

Board of Civil Authority - Abatement Hearing - June 25, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Robin Leslie, Mary Whitaker, Lenore Renaud, Ken Leslie, Tracy Martin, Tim Ricciardello, Shari Cornish, Abrah Griggs, and Alexandra Jump

Others Present: Tonia Chase, Town Clerk, Chelsea Vilord and Tracy Collier

The meeting was called to order by Robin Leslie at 5:30 p.m.

Robin started meeting by informing everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

Robin stated the name of first applicant, Chelsea Vilord, property location, 2141 VT Rt. 16 East Hardwick and parcel ID, then read oath for Chelsea to take.

Chelsea presented her case for requesting tax abatement. She stated that the property is owned by her uncle William Collier and that he passed away November 2024. She stated that it was after May 10th due date that they realized taxes were not paid. Taxes and penalty and interest have been paid to avoid additional fees. She also stated that the property is listed for sale and due to close on June 30th.

Alexandra stated the property is listed for sale at \$48,000, she asked Chelsea if that is what the closing price is, Chelsea said no, and Alexandra asked what that price is. Chelsea stated the sale price is \$45,000. Alex then asked if there was enough money from closing to cover taxes, excluding late fees, and Chelsea said yes.

Robin invited Chelsea to stay and listen to the next hearing but after that, the hearing will be closed, and Board will enter into deliberative session and Tonia would issue a written decision within 30 days of hearing. Chelsea thanked the Board and left.

Robin stated the name of second applicant, David Upson for the Town of Hardwick, property location, 387 Carey Road Hardwick and parcel ID, she informed board that David was not present.

Tonia read David's letter to the Board about tax abatement request. She also informed the Board that the request was changed from \$501.15 to \$507.75 due to June interest added to the amount due.

Tim made a motion to close hearing and enter deliberative session, second by Abrah. Motion unanimously passed. The hearing closed at 5:39 p.m.

Item #1 – Chelsea Vilord, Estate of William Collier
Tax Abatement Request for \$1690.40

Motion passed unanimously to abatement penalty & interest in the amount of \$139.60, Criteria #1

Item #2 – David Upson, Town of Hardwick
Tax Abatement Request for \$501.15

Motion passed unanimously to abatement the amount of \$507.75, Criteria #5

Minutes prepared and submitted by:



Tonia Chase, Town Clerk

Approved by:



Robin Leslie, BCA Chair