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## Board of Abatement

Abatement is a statutory process for relieving taxpayers from the burden of property taxes, penalty (collection fees) and interest when the law authorizes abatement and when the board, in its discretion, agrees that the request is reasonable and proper. It exists to permit the board to prevent an injustice or to help a taxpayer who faces extraordinary circumstances that make it difficult for the taxpayer to meet his or her tax obligations.

Tax abatement differs from tax appeal in that the subject of the hearing is taxes, not assessment of the property. The conditions under which the Board may grant an abatement are regulated by the State, for more information visit

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/24/051/01535>

The Board of Abatement consists of the Town Clerk, the Selectboard, and the Justices of the Peace. A majority of the board must be present in order for the board to meet, and a majority of that number must vote in favor of a motion to abate.

The Board does not have regularly scheduled meetings, we will schedule meetings after abatement requests are received. To request an abatement hearing complete the abatement request form below and submit it to the Town Clerk's office either by email or mail:

[tonia.chase@hardwickvt.gov](mailto:tonia.chase@hardwickvt.gov) or Town of Hardwick, Board of Abatement, PO Box 523, Hardwick, VT 05843

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