

Town of Westmore
Municipal Building
October 6, 2025
5:30PM

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Town of Westmore Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes

In Attendance Oct 6: David Stevens, Miriam Simonds, William Perkins, Isaiah Casey, Maree Bushey, Susan Blackstone, John Zimmer, Kathy Holmes, Doug Mott. Donna Dzugas via Zoom Oct 6.

Kathy called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM No additions to the agenda

Elaine motioned and John seconded to approve Minutes of March 27, 2023 Meeting. Motion passed.

Elaine gave the oath to those present and verified there were no conflicts of interest with the Board.

1. Douglas Mott - Parcel ID: 205-1044- 1044 VT Rte 5A - Tax Bill still in the name of Charles Carter. Douglas had presented his request for Abatement citing 24 VSA 1535a1 - (taxes or charges of persons who have died insolvent) as well as 24 VSA 1535a3 - (Taxes or charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, charges, interest and/or collection fees and a Disclosure of Financial Information. Mary, head Lister explained that the house was deeded with an Enhanced Life Estate which means that upon Charles' death in January of 2025 - the house would revert in ownership to Douglas Mott. She added that this should have been changed and recorded but was not. Kathy verified that Douglas filled out the application with his own information. Kathy verified that the estate (which does not include the house) of Charles is in probate and presented a notice to creditors that was published in the Chronicle on June 25, 2025.

2. Hearing Requested By: Annette Parenteau-Delinquent Tax Collector Parcel ID:250-2659-RS2: Tabled

3. Tax Collector Request to Allow Abatement of All Amounts Remaining Due for Brian Mentz for Parcel ID 330-0500: Tabled

Elaine motioned and Miriam seconded to recess the meeting at 5:55PM and reconvene on October 20th at 5PM.

The October 20 meeting was cancelled because of illness. Meeting rescheduled for November 18 at 9:30 AM. Elaine called Doug with the new date and time.

Meeting Opened at 9:30 AM on November 18. In attendance - David Stevens, Miriam Simonds, William Perkins, Isaiah Casey, Maree Bushey, Susan Blackstone, John Zimmer, Kathy Holmes. Doug was not present

Lister Maree Bushey verified the house is owned by Douglas Mott through the Life Estate Deed. She presented a revised tax bill. No additional evidence presented. Tabled discussion for deliberative session at the end

Hearing Requested By: Annette Parenteau-Delinquent Tax Collector Parcel ID:250-2659-RS2:
Application from the Delinquent Tax Collector asking for an abatement of current amount of taxes owed

under 10 VSA 6237 explaining that the mobile home has been removed and the owners are very sick and will not be returning. Elaine made a motion and Bill seconded to abate the amount of taxes owed (approximately \$415.00 plus any accrued interest) under 10 VSA 6237 and 24 VSA 1535a9.

Tax Collector Request to Allow Abatement of All Amounts Remaining Due from 2024 for Brian Mentz - Parcel ID 330-0500-Overdue Tax Amt Exceeds Authorization Level of \$15.00 : John made a motion and Bill seconded to abate the amount owing and penalty and interest which equals approximately \$21.00 on Parcel ID 330-0500. Motion passed.

David motioned and Maree seconded to close the meeting and go into deliberative session at 9:55 AM. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by BCA Clerk Elaine Cashin

BCA Chair: