

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Tax Abatement Minutes
August 8, 2022

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION

Members present; BOA President Doenges, Aldermen Savage, Talbott, Whitcomb, Davis, Treasurer Markowski and Assessor Langlois. Also present, City Clerk Heck. Aldermen Etti, Franco, Tadio, Gillam and DePoy were absent. Mayor Allaire was absent.

Chair Doenges called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Chair Doenges opened the meeting noting one request from the estate of Wanda Moch 28-30 Forest Street and noted the parcel ID # 13763.

Chair Doenges asked if any member of the Tax Abatement Board would be testifying, seeing none Chair Doenges noted the oath to be administered and noted that both Attorney's present, John Bloomer and John Crowley were exempt. Chair Doenges then sought if any member of the Board needed to disclose any conflict of interest or ex parte communications that had taken place, seeing none Chair Doenges sought the criteria for the abatement.

Attorney John Bloomer noted the request was being brought under 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(5) upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year. Chair Doenges then asked Attorney Bloomer to present his evidence.

Attorney Bloomer noted the property has been vacant since November 5, 2020. Wanda Moch owner of record was admitted to a nursing home (Mountain View) on November 6, 2020 until her death. January 20, 2021 a fire occurred at this property, damage was extensive. Attorney Bloomer sought abatement from January 20, 2021 till present. Attorney Bloomer then sought abatement for water & sewer as on February 6, 2022 according to an alert from Watersmart a leak was detected. The water bill associated with this leak is \$3,001.30. Attorney Bloomer noted associated documents/exhibits supporting this request for abatement submitted by Attorney Crowley.

There were questions from the Board.

At 5:52 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Savage) closing the hearing. **Motion passed.**

President Doenges noted a motion was in order to move into deliberative session. That request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Whitcomb) **Motion passed.**

At 5:56 PM the Board moved into deliberative session.

At 6:02 PM the Board of Tax Abatement came out of deliberative session.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Talbott) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Clerk, Board of Tax Abatement