

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Tax Abatement Minutes
February 8, 2021

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION

Members present; BOA President Whitcomb, Aldermen Humphrey, Ryan, Ettori, Mattis, Gillam, Clifford, and Davis, Treasurer Markowski and Assessor Keefe. Also present, City Clerk Heck and Katie Langlois. Aldermen Talbott and DePoy were absent.

Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM via tele-conference.

Chair Whitcomb noted that the Board had three (3) abatement requests that evening and started with 31 Howe Street. Chair Whitcomb noted the request had been withdrawn and Clerk Heck confirmed a phone message from David Giancola earlier that afternoon, again noting the request had been withdrawn.

Chair Whitcomb noted still no callers to participate and moved on to the request by Rosairio & Joan Cormier for 269 N. Main Street.

Rosairio & Joan Cormier, 269 N. Main Street, Parcel ID #11198

Chair Whitcomb noted there were no representatives on line/phone and proceeded to follow the outline of the rules and procedures for the hearing. There was no conflict of interest amongst members of the Board and this request. It was noted under statute criteria that 24 V.S.A. §1535 (a)(3) was checked, as persons who are unable to pay their taxes, interest, and collection fees. The Board acknowledge they had received the evidence presented by the Cormier's and closed the hearing.

Personal Property Payments; Key Bank/GE Industrial Financing Solutions LLC.

Chair Whitcomb noted there were no representatives on line/phone and proceeded to follow the outline of the rules and procedures for the hearing. There were no conflict of interest amongst members of the Board and this request. Upon trying to confirm the statutory criteria for the request, there was no such finding. Laura Forte provided the form (Abatement Hearing Form) signed at the bottom with no other information filled in. Abatement members acknowledged the e-mail from Laura Forte of Key Bank, pertaining to evidence presented for this request and closed the hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Clifford) to move into deliberative session. Chair Whitcomb noted that this concluded the hearing process and there was brief debate prior to entering into deliberative session.

At 5:45 PM the Board moved into deliberative session.

At 6:03 PM the Board of Tax Abatement came out of deliberative session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Clerk, Board of Tax Abatement