

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Tax Abatement Minutes
November 9, 2020

MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION

Members present; Treasurer Markowski, BOA President Whitcomb, Aldermen Humphrey, Etori, Mattis, Talbott, Gillam, Clifford, DePoy and Davis. Also present, City Clerk Heck, Katie Langston and Kelly Green. Mayor Allaire, Assessor Keefe and Alderwoman Ryan were absent.

Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM via tele-conference.

Chair Whitcomb noted that the Board had two (2) abatement requests that evening and also noted that there were no additional callers. Chair Whitcomb noted the request from the Clerk to add Treasurer Markowski's request to abate personal property on uncollectable accounts.

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Humphrey) to add the request to the agenda. **Motion passed.**

Chair Whitcomb noted still no callers to participate and asked Treasurer Markowski to present her request.

City of Rutland Various Uncollectable Personal Property

Treasurer Markowski noted that these were old and most of the bills come back undeliverable. Treasurer Markowski noted the amount of time and cost associated to the City to keep the accounts open and requested nine (9) separate accounts totaling \$2,403.81 be closed. A motion was made and seconded, (Davis, Clifford) to close the accounts of Aunt Angies Bakery \$153.02, The Great Outdoor \$449.31, DT Supply \$428.32, Peter Cady ESQ. \$8.64, Invigorate \$533.00, Café Verde \$66.00, Pyramid2 \$243.84, The Peddler \$58.56 and Rutland Fitness \$563.12. Totaling \$2403.81. **Motion passed.** Treasurer Markowski noted her abstention from voting.

Kelly Green, 40 Cleveland Avenue, Parcel ID #12033

Chair Whitcomb noted a caller to the conference and asked them to identify themselves. Kelly Green noted that he was on the call. Chair Whitcomb introduced the request and asked the Clerk to swear in Mr. Green. Chair Whitcomb asked if there were any conflicts of interest with the Board and Mr. Green. Seeing none. Chair Whitcomb asked Mr. Green if he had a copy of the rules and procedure and if he had any questions. Mr. Green answered he had the rules and he had no questions. Chair Whitcomb then sought Mr. Green's reason for abatement. Mr. Green had checked criteria boxes 24 V.S.A. § 1535 (a) (3) taxes of a person who are unable to pay (4) Manifest error or mistake of the lister and five (5) property lost or destroyed during the tax year as his criteria for requesting a tax abatement.

Mr. Green spoke of his property, noting that he paid \$13,000 for it and it is assessed at \$139,500. The property has been vandalized and he had issues with the City not paying a he had presented for fixing a lock at the Amtrak Station. The Board asked several questions including if Mr. Green had requested an appeal from Assessor Keefe, his reply was he had not. With no further questions a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Clifford) to close the hearing. **Motion passed.**

Michael Alberico 16 Cramton Avenue ID #13491

Chair Whitcomb noted the request from Michael Alberico and a letter presented to the Clerk to abate his Water and Sewer Bill. Mr. Alberico was not on the conference call and Chair Whitcomb noted that the Board would look at the request/evidence presented and asked for a motion to close the hearing. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Talbott) to close the hearing. **Motion passed.**

Chair Whitcomb noted that this concluded the request and entered into deliberative session.

At 5:46 PM the Board moved into deliberative session.

At 5:58 PM the Board of Tax Abatement came out of deliberative session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Clerk, Board of Tax Abatement