

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Tax Abatement
February 9, 2026

Minutes of Open Session

Members present: Aldermen Allaire, Talbott, Davis, Cupoli, Clifford, Gillam, Adams, Whitcomb, and Donahue. Treasurer Markowski, Assessor Langlois, Linda Heald, and Clerk Kapusta. Absent: Mayor Doenges, Alderwoman Tadio and Alderwoman McClure.

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

Chair Allaire then asked anyone giving testimony to be sworn in. Chair Allaire swore in Laurey Packard.

Chair Allaire opened the meeting and moved to start with Laurey Packard's abatement request.

Laurey Packard – 31 Cleveland Avenue

Chair Allaire introduced the request for Laurey Packard. Chair Allaire asked if any member of the Board of Tax Abatement would be testifying and if there were any conflicts of interest or ex-parte communications, there were none. Chair Allaire read the statutory criteria checked by Ms. Packard for her request for abatement, Taxes or Charges of persons who are unable to pay their taxes, water charges, sewer charges, interest, and/or collection fees, 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(3).

Ms. Packard testified that there are three different situations that have caused the overdue taxes. (1) The retaliation and illegal firing by Ms. Packard's employer Benelynk. (2) The illegal withholding of Ms. Packard's SSDI back payment by Rutland Social Security Administration worker Kelly Ruest. (3) Attorney Paula McCann has committed fraud, perjury, obstruction of justice, conspiracy to commit fraud and other crimes and violations during a probate case when working for administrator denying Ms. Packard her inheritance.

There were questions from the Board about the amounts currently due.

Chair Allaire explained to Ms. Packard that the Board would close the hearing and that they would move into deliberative session and the Board would make a decision on the request. That decision would be mailed within thirty (30) days.

At 5:54 PM Chair Allaire closed the open hearing for 31 Cleveland Avenue.

At 5:55 PM the Board moved into deliberative session.

At 6:00 PM the Board came out of deliberative session.

At 6:01 PM Chair Allaire noted he would entertain a motion to adjourn. So moved by Alderwoman Davis and Alderman Clifford. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Kapusta
Clerk, Board of Tax Abatement