

Hearing Minutes
Town of Plymouth, Vermont
Board of Abatement Hearings

The Board of Abatement of the Town of Plymouth, Vermont, notified and warned, met in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Building at 68 Town Office Road, in said Town on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

BOA Members Present:

Justice of the Peace: Karen Evans
Select Board: Rick Kaminski Jay Kullman
Listers: Michael Coleman, Natash Bochkov
Town Clerk: Angela Kissell
Treasurer: Cherry Nicoll

Appellants and/or Guests: Michael Pierson and Joyce Cooper

Abatement Hearing(s):

Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. § 1535, the following hearing(s) took place to consider the abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.

1. Call Meeting to Order:
 - a. Karen Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions, or Removals to Agenda:
 - a. None
3. Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Karen Evans made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024 meeting minutes. Jay Kullman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
4. Tax Abatement Hearing(s):

Parcel ID: 000798 – Pierson, Michael – 1276 Dublin Road, Plymouth - Residential

Karen Evans opened by stating the name of the Appellant, property address, and parcel ID number. Karen read the Oath to the Appellant. He acknowledged. Karen also asked if any Board Members had any conflicts. None we acknowledged. The Abatement form was completed and provided by William Pierson. The Town Clerk provide the 2024 tax bill as well as past due balances. Mr. Pierson stated that he had no income and that he had been trying to get social security/disability for several years, but wasn't having much luck. Mr. Pierson also stated that he has not filed an HS-122 form because he has not filed tax returns because of his lack of income. Board Members discussed options such as the Council on Aging and/or reaching out to the State for assistance in completing paper work and/or help with other options.

Angela Kissell had a contact name/number from Bernie Sanders office that she was going to provide to Mr. Pierson the following day. Mr. Pierson asked that it be sent to Margo Marrone's email so she could help him with communications. Nobody had any additional comments or questions. **Hearing was closed at 5:50 PM.**

Parcel ID: 000941 – Cooper, Joyce – 170 Meadow Hawk Road – Residential

Karen Evans re-opened by stating the name of the Appellant(s), property address, and parcel ID number at 5:52 pm. Karen noted that Joyce Cooper gave permission for herself, Rick and Natasha to go out and look at the property. Karen Evans wrote up a site-inspection report and read it at the hearing. There was a discussion with regard to the washed out, private leach field and an estimate was provided. There was also a discussion about access to the property. Karen Evans asked if anyone had any questions or comments Nobody had anything else to add. Shawn Bemis made a motion to close the hearing at 6:02 pm. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried. **Hearing was closed at 6:02 PM.**

Parcel ID: 000652 – Hayes, Shirley – 142 Town Office Road – Residential

Karen Evans re-opened by stating the name of the Appellant(s), property address, and parcel ID number at 6:04 pm. Angela Kissell provided the current 24/25 tax bill and Cherry Nicoll provided an updated breakdown of the past due balance. It was also noted that \$3,000 in gift/grant money had recently come in and had been applied to the account. Income documentation had been provided as well. Mike Coleman made a motion to close the hearing at 6:10 pm. Angela Kissell seconded the motion, and the motion carried. **Hearing was closed at 6:10 PM.**

The Board went into deliberation at 6:46 pm.

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Michael Coleman made a motion that the Board waive outstanding penalties and interest in the amount of \$835.59 for Michael Pierson. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Parcel ID: 000652 – Hayes, Shirley – 142 Town Office Road – Residential

Karen Evans made a motion that the Board abate the outstanding penalties and interest in the amount of \$239.73 for Shirley Hayes. Rick Kaminski seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Parcel ID: 000941 – Cooper, Joyce – 170 Meadow Hawk Road – Residential

Natasha Bochkov made a motion to the Board that we follow the same process as we did last year for the flood victims when we abated their real estate taxes. The amount for 2023-2024 is \$39.74 and the amount for 2024-2025 is \$46.78. Angela Kissell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board came out of deliberation at 7:23 pm.

5. **Adjournment:**

- a. Cherry Nicoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. Shawn Bemis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell
Town Clerk
Board of Abatement

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Karen Evans

Shawn Bemis

Rick Kaminski

Jay Kullman

Cherry Nicoll

Angela Kissell

Michael Coleman

Michelle Pingree

Keith Cappellini