

# ***Preliminary Organizational Meeting & Hearing Minutes***

## **Town of Plymouth, Vermont**

### **Board of Abatement Hearing**

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 Tuesday, February 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

BOA Members Present:

Justice of the Peace: Bruce Pauley, Chase Morsey, and Justus Pingree

Select Board: Rick Kaminski

Listers: Natasha Bochkov (acting as BOA not Lister)

Town Clerk: Angela Kissell

Treasurer: Cherry Nicoll

Appellants and/or Guests: James Ottaway (attending via Zoom) & Katrin Velder

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. The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm.

2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions, or Removals to Agenda:

a. None

3. Read Oath:

a. Angela Kissell said the Oath can be read at the Hearing.

4. Appoint Chair and Vice-Chair:

**a. Angela Kissell made a motion to appoint Bruce Pauley as Chair for the Board of Abatement. Chase seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

b. Bruce Pauley made a motion to appoint Rick Kaminski as Vice-Chair, but then rescinded his motion.

**c. Rick Kaminski made a motion to appoint Karen Evans as Vice-Chair. Chase seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

5. Tax Abatement Hearing:

**Parcel ID: 001660 & 001661 – James Ottaway & Katrin Velder – 1242 Grand View Lodge, Plymouth - Residential**

- a. Bruce Pauley opened by asking the Appellant about his Abatement Application and the circumstances around his request. Mr. Ottaway (attending via zoom) explained that parcel 001660 & 001661 were combined into his tax bill for parcel 001352 for his house located at 1242 Grand View Lodge Road; however, he still received individual bills for them. As in his application, he stated, that he was overcharged for \$5,252.89 which represents the amounts in 2023 & 2024 for parcels 001660 & 001661.
- b. Bruce Pauley then read the oath to Mr. Ottaway. Mr. Ottaway answered, I do.
- c. Bruce Pauley asked the Board if there were any conflicts of interest and/or ex parte communication that has taken place.
- d. Nobody acknowledged that there was.
- e. Bruce Pauley asked the Appellant if he had received the Board’s rules of procedure and whether he had any questions. He acknowledged that he did receive the application and did not have questions
- f. Nobody had anything additional to add. **Hearing was closed at 5:15 pm.**

**The Board went into deliberation at 5:15 pm.  
The Board came out of deliberation at 5:18 pm.**

**Decision:**

**The Board agreed to abate the amount requested Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. § 1535(a)(4).**

6. Other Business:

7. Adjournment:

- a. **Chase Morsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 pm. Natasha Bochkov seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell  
Town Clerk  
Board of Abatement

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Rick Kaminski

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Jay Kullman

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