

Wallingford Board of Abatement  
Minutes  
February 15, 2023

Board Members Present: Justice of the Peace Wendy Savery, Chair, Maureen Duchesne, Sandy Eddy, Kate Goetz, Tony Petrossi, Stanley Seward, Gary Fredette, and Nan Dubin; Selectboard member Bruce Duchesne, Mark Tessier and Kathy Luzader, and Town Clerk & Treasurer Julie Sharon

Others Present: Ken Fredette and Tony Masuck

Board Members Absent: Justin Jankus, Carolyn Behrendt, Curtis Lidstone, and Ken Welch

Town Clerk J. Sharon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and conducted nominations for chair. K. Luzader nominated W. Savery as chair and S. Eddy seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The nomination of Wendy Savery as chair was approved (10-0). Wendy did not vote. W. Savery conducted nominations for vice chair. G. Fredette nominated N. Dubin who declined. K. Goetz nominated K. Luzader and M. Duchesne seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The nomination of K. Luzader as vice chair was approved (10-0). K. Luzader did not vote.

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

The minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by K. Luzader and seconded by M. Duchesne. The motion passed with G. Fredette, M. Tessier, N. Dubin and T. Petrossi abstaining.

There were no public comments.

Thomas Klaas et al, #1410893, Span #681-216-10592; 24 V.S.A. §1535(a)(5) taxes or charges upon real or personal property lost or destroyed during the tax year.

The hearing opened at 6:35 p.m. The Klaas's were not present for the abatement hearing. The Assessor's report stated that the fire occurred at the Klaas's house on August 26, 2022 and destroyed the house. The Assessor visited the property and reduced the value by \$47,500 to \$87,600. They are seeking an abatement of taxes from August 26, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

S. Eddy made a motion to abate taxes on the decrease in value of \$47,500 and set the value at \$87,600. K. Luzader seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Clerk J. Sharon will write the decision for the Chair's signature.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on a motion made by G. Fredette and seconded by K. Luzader. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie M. Sharon, Town Clerk