

**ROCKINGHAM & BFVC BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2014
5:15 PM
MINUTES**

Present: Doreen Aldrich, Clerk; Thomas MacPhee, Ann C. Dibernardo & Josh Hearne, Select Board; Stefan Golec, Nancy McAuliffe & Colin James, Trustees; Paul Obuchowski, Douglas MacPhee, Cass Wright, Richard Stickney, Pat Fowler and Mary Barber, JP's; Michael Harty and Paul Noble, Listers

Press: FACT8

Others: Christopher Moore, Attorney for Richard & Carol Johnson

Call to Order: Chairman, Tom MacPhee, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda for Routine Administrative Matters and/or Pressing Matters that Will require ratification at a future meeting.: Douglas MacPhee asked for a moment of silence out of respect for Alan Ternes, former Lister for the town and currently Justice of the Peace who passed away very recently.

Approved Minutes: The September 18, 2014 Minutes were approved by Douglas MacPhee, Co-Chairman. There were no questions or comments.

Public Comment: None

Hear Request for Abatement for Richard & Carol Johnson, 38 Oak Street; Bellows Falls, VT

Attorney Chris Moore was present to represent the Johnsons and spoke to the issue. The Johnsons were not present. This property was destroyed by fire in February of this year. The property owners paid the final installment on the taxes based on a value of \$119,000 and feel they are owed an abatement of \$691.24. Chip Stearns, Municipal Manager, said he had a conversation with Mr. Moore today. He based his calculations on 1/6 of the year (February-March) and came up with a figure to abate in the village of \$131.66 and \$459.69 in the town for a total abatement of \$591.35. Mr. Moore felt that was acceptable. Douglas MacPhee then moved to abate \$459.69 town taxes for the tax year 2013-2014. Paul Obuchowski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Paul Obuchowski moved to abate \$131.66 village taxes for the tax year 2013-2014 and Pat Fowler seconded. The motion carried.

Obuchowski added that he wanted to make sure the Johnson's get the payment or credit as they paid the taxes.

Other: Douglas MacPhee asked where the town is concerning the suit with TransCanada as this is probably the last meeting he will be attending. The response was that we are still in court.

Douglas MacPhee moved to adjourn the abatement meeting at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Obuchowski. The motion carried.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk/Treasurer 12/18/2014