

BOARD OF ABATEMENT

Public Hearing

September 23rd 2025, 5:00 pm

**Mount Holly Town Office
50 School Street, Mount Holly, VT**

MINUTES

Attendance: Marc Miller (Chair), Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Faith Tempest, Ann Hansen, Mary Surething, Bob Herbst, Millicent Johnson, Thomas Hooker, Brigid Sullivan, Linda Miller.

1. Chair called the hearing to order at 5.00pm.
- 2 Chair undertook a roll call of members of the Board present and swore them in. Chair swore in Mr Hooker.
3. Chair outlined the request by Mr Hooker for abatement of taxes on the property at 2380 Rte 103 N. Following purchase of the property in a tax sale, the former owner is taking legal action against Mr Hooker in the hope of reversing the sale. The legal case has meant that any work on the property has been suspended, leaving the property uninhabitable and with high insurance costs. Chair asked Mr Hooker if he would like to speak.
4. Mr Hooker thanked the Board for hearing his request and submitted evidence of insurance and legal costs. Ms Sullivan asked if the lawsuit was settled; Mr Hooker confirmed there is still one outstanding action which is expected to be ruled on within the next 3 months.
5. Chair asked for a clarification about the timing of the lawsuit. Mr Hooker confirmed that it started after the one year grace period following a tax sale during which the purchaser cannot take possession of the property, and Mr Hooker has been maintaining the property for the last year without being able to occupy it, hence the high insurance rates.
6. Chair thanked Mr Hooker and noted that the Board will respond within 10 days.
7. Adjournment: 5.11 pm