

# Town of Fairfax



## **BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MEETING MINUTES – April 23, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer at 4:05 p.m. at the Town Office, 12 Buck Hollow Road, Fairfax, VT 05454 with Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach, Sue Mitchell, Greg Hartman, Randy DeVine, Judy Cleary, Pat McNall, Donna Meunier, Peter Fitzgerald, Steve Cormier, and Rick Cadieux present.

Deborah Woodward requested nominations for Chair of the Board of Civil Authority. Judy Cleary made the motion to nominate Peter Fitzgerald as Chair and seconded by Sue Mitchell. There were no other nominations. The Fitzgerald was elected by a show of hands. The meeting was turned over to our new Chair Peter Fitzgerald. He asked for nominations for a Vice Chair. Judy made the motion to nominate Gary Gilbert as Vice Chair to the Board of Civil Authority and seconded by Sue. There were no other nominations. Gilbert was elected Vice-Chair by a show of hands.

Peter presented to the Board the VLCT 2018 Model Rules of Procedure for Board of Abatement Hearing. Peter made the motion to adopt The Town of Fairfax Board of Abatement Rules of Procedure and seconded by Stephen Bessette. The floor was opened for discussion. Deborah stated to change 4. To read: assessors in the place of listers and 6. To read: majority vote instead of two-thirds vote. There was not further discussion. A motion was made by Greg Hartman to adopt The Town of Fairfax Board of Abatement Rules of Procedure with the changes that Deborah stated. Stephen Bessette made the motion to adopt the Town of Fairfax Board of Abatement Rules of Procedure and seconded by Greg Hartman. The motion was passed by a show of hands. Peter made the motion to adjourn with all members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Peter Fitzgerald, Chair  
Justice of the Peace

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Attested on April 25, 2019  
Deborah Woodward  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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## **BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING MINUTES APRIL 23, 2019**

The duly warned Board of Abatement Meeting was held on April 23, 2019 at the Fairfax Town Office Conference Room 116, 12 Buck Hollow Road, Fairfax, Vermont at 4:20 p.m.

The following members were present: Peter Fitzgerald, Justice of the Peace Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach, Steve Cormier, Susan Mitchell, Judy Cleary, Randy DeVine, Donna Meunier, Greg Hartman, Patricia McNall, Assessor, and Deborah Woodward, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Also present included: Rick Cadieux

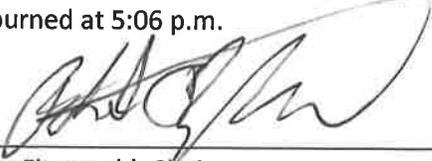
The Board of Abatement meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Peter Fitzgerald, Justice of the Peace Chair. He addressed that this meeting was being recorded. The Town of Fairfax Board of Abatement Rules of Procedure that was just adopted at The Board of Civil Authority meeting was used for the two abatements and was also given to Rick Cadieux.

P. Fitzgerald addressed the Board of Abatement on the 2018/2019 property taxes of Rick & Carola Cadieux, Parcel ID CX0048 at 48 Cadieux Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. Rick Cadieux stated that he wanted his property taxes reduced due to a house fire destroying the property on July 20, 2018. He said it was questionable whether or not he would rebuild. After discussion the Board agreed that the taxes for the structure were based on a value of \$61,200 with a tax of \$1,143.76. There was no trash collected from the time of the fire with a trash fee of \$349.00 on the property tax bill. The Board of Abatement voted to grant the abatement on 2018/2019 property taxes of Rick & Carola Cadieux, Parcel ID CX0048 at 48 Cadieux Road, Fairfax, VT 05454 in the amount of \$1,492.76 due to the house being unusable for practically the entire year, but the lot and utilities remain and the trash was not collected from the time of the fire. This consisted to \$1,143.76 on the house, \$349.00 on the trash fee.

P. Fitzgerald addressed the Board of Abatement on the 2018/2019 property taxes of Frank C & Caroline S Russell, Parcel ID SZ0047 at 47 Stonegate Road, Cambridge, VT 05444 at 4:42 p.m. There was no one there to represent the Russell's. The house was destroyed by fire on February 17, 2019. The Board used 4 months of the property not being usable. Property tax on the structure valued at \$160,600, with an annual tax of \$3001.45, four months would be \$1,000.48. The annual trash fee was \$349.00, four months would be \$116.33. The Board of Abatement voted to grant the abatement on 2018/2019

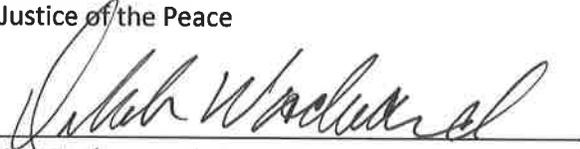
property taxes of Frank C & Caroline S Russell, Parcel SZ0047 at 47 Stonegate Road, Cambridge, VT 05444 in the amount of \$1,116.81 due to the house being unusable and no trash was collected for 1/3 of the property tax year. This consisted of \$1000.48 on the house, \$116.33 on the trash fee.

P Fitzgerald made motion to adjourn. The motion was carried with all members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



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Peter Fitzgerald, Chair  
Justice of the Peace



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Attested on April, 25, 2019  
Deborah Woodward  
Town Clerk/Treasurer