



GEORGIA VERMONT

BCA and BOA Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:00-6:15 PM
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom
Minutes

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

Dial by your Location: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

Present: Alan Parent, Jacqui Hood, Ed Ballantyne, Paul Jansen, Karen Brigham, Linda Cramer, Tony Heinlein, Craig Volatile-Wood, Justin Holmes, and Cheryl Letourneau. Members added for BOA: Carl Rosenquist, Kristina Senna, Lori Hobart, and Bill Hinman.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. C. Letourneau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
3. C. Letourneau called for a motion for a chair. P. Jansen nominated Jacqui Hood; Linda Cramer seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. C. Letourneau called for a motion for vice-chair. Karen Brigham nominated Alan Parent; Jacqui Hood seconded the motion. All in favor
5. Jacqui Hood takes over the meeting.

2. BOARD BUSINESS (Public comment on agenda items limited to 5 minutes)

C. Letourneau handed each member the voter checklist to review before the September deadline.

Discussion was had on the upcoming election which was Town Meeting and the schedule for the election workers.

5:50 p.m. Craig Volatile-Wood made a motion to adjourn the BCA meeting and move into the BOA meeting. Linda Cramer seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Abatement hearings

6:00 Stacy Cobb attended in person to present her abatement request which falls under the category taxes or charges of persons who have died insolvent and taxes or charges of person who are unable to pay their taxes, charges, interest, and or collection fees. On May 20, 2023, Stacy's mom passed away and left Stacy the property located at 939 Sandy Birch Rd, which Stacy took ownership of in July of 2024. In acquiring the property Stacy also inherited a large amount of debt to deal with. This has created hardship for Stacy financially and she is looking to have all or part of the overdue taxes abated, to help with the burden she inherited. The property value is assessed at a value of \$150,500. Stacy said there is a large amount of work to be done on this

property and she had a Comparative Market Analysis done by Aaron Scowcroft of Northern Vermont Realty Group, for mortgage purposes. The current mortgage on this property is \$84,000 and the analysis valued this property at \$170,000.

B. Hinman will abstain from this discussion.

Michelle Paya had requested an abatement for \$226.26, which is the penalty the town charges for filing the homestead paperwork late. This fee covers the administrative costs associated with the late notice from the state.

Carolyn Weber requested an abatement for \$164.99, which is the penalty for late filing of the homestead paperwork. This fee covers the administrative costs associated with the late notice from the state.

Ashely Donnellan requested an abatement for \$898.32. Ashley mistakenly wrote a check off the wrong account for the tax payment and the check was returned by the bank to the town. This made the tax payment late and the penalty was assessed. Ashley came in and made the payment as soon as she was notified that the check had come back.

6:25 motion to enter deliberative session.

Motion to abate everything but \$1500.00 payable by April 1, 2025, made by P. Jansen, second motion by Craig Volatile-Wood. All in favor

Motion to deny Michelle Paya's request as it does not fit the criteria by abatement standards. The town also has a policy regarding late filing of homesteads by Karen Brigham, second motion by Alan Parent. All in favor

Motion to deny Carolyn Weber's request as it does not fit the criteria by abatement standards. The town also has a policy regarding late filing of homestead by Karen Brigham, second motion by Ed Ballantyne, Paul Jansen and Alan Parent abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to deny Ashley Donnellan's request due to \$831.37 was part of the tax payment and \$66.54 was the penalty assessed by Alan Parent, seconded motion by Ed Ballantyne (after discussion more information was given by the Delinquent tax collector, and this will be discussed at a new meeting).

7:15 Motion to adjourn by Craig Volatile-Wood, second motion by Karen Brigham. All in favor

13. ADJOURN

Posted to the Town website, four designated places within the Town of Georgia, Town Clerk's Office, Georgia Public Library, Maplefields & Georgia Market.

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