

## Town of Plymouth, Vermont

### Board of Abatement Meeting

The Board of Abatement of the Town of Plymouth, Vermont, notified and warned, met in the Meeting Room at the Plymouth Community Center at 35 School Drive, in said Town on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

#### ***BOA Members Present:***

Justice of the Peace: Karen Evans

Select Board: Jay Kullman Rick Kaminski

Listers: Michael Coleman, Naomi Moyer and Michelle Pingree

Clerk: Angela Kissell

Treasurer: Elaine Pauley

Appellants and/or Guests: Michelle Pingree, Justus Pingree, and Richard Jones

#### ***Abatement Hearings:***

Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. § 1535, the following hearings took place to consider the abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed.

Karen Evans called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm at the Plymouth Community Center.

#### **1. Parcel ID: 000800 - Pingree, Justus and Michelle – 127 Frog City Road - Residential Property Note: Michelle Pingree recused herself from this hearing as she was an Appellant.**

Karen Evans opened by asking if anybody had any conflicts. Nobody acknowledged any. Karen stated the name of the appellants and property location and administered the oath to the appellants, Justus Pingree and Michelle Pingree. Michelle and Justus Pingree acknowledged that they do. A written abatement request form and narrative had been submitted asking for an abatement of their taxes in the amount of \$268.39 for the 2024 tax year. Michelle Pingree shared that they had a fire at their location late on May 16, 2023, into the early hours of May 17, 2023. The detached farmhouse & lean-to were destroyed. Michelle Pingree also noted that a good portion of the siding on their home had melted and many of the windows were broken or cracked due to the hot temperatures of the fire. Michelle also added they do not plan to rebuild the buildings that were destroyed. Justus agreed with Michelle's sentiments.

#### **2. Parcel ID: 000118 – Jones, Richard – 221 Scott Terrace – Residential Property**

Karen Evans opened by asking if any Members had a conflict of interest. No one did. Karen read the oath to Richard Jones, and he answered, I do. Mr. Jones added that he was getting \$60,000 from his insurance company for the structure and a little bit for the mud. There was also a reduction in value of \$12,000.00. He also noted that most of the value in the land is the lake. He said that he lost his refrigerator and the water system. There was three feet of silt everywhere. Mike Coleman gave an overview of the reduction in value and how he calculated it. Karen Evans added that we have 30 days to make a decision.

#### **3. Parcel ID: 000247 – Rourke, Joshua and Lisa – 167 Scott Terrace – Residential Property**

The Appellants did not attend.

**The Hearings closed at 5:39 PM and the Board went into deliberation. The Board came out of deliberation at 6:05 PM.**

***Adjourn:***

**Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell  
Town Clerk  
Board of Abatement

*Please note that the Board agreed to hear the abatement requests of Justus and Michelle Pingree as well as Richard Jones prior to that of Joshua and Lisa Rourke as the Pingrees and Mr. Jones were present.*