

**Hearing Minutes**  
**Town of Plymouth, Vermont**  
**Board of Abatement Hearings**

The Board of Abatement of the Town of Plymouth, Vermont, notified and warned, met in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Building at 68 Town Office Road, in said Town on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

BOA Members Present:

Justice of the Peace: Karen Evans  
Select Board: Rick Kaminski Jay Kullman  
Listers: Michael Coleman  
Clerk: Angela Kissell  
Treasurer: Norma Pauley

Appellants and/or Guests: Ronald Westney, Kathy Westney, Richard McDonald, and Karen McDonald

Abatement Hearing(s):

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.

1. Call Meeting to Order:
  - a. Karen Evans called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions, or Removals to Agenda:
  - a. None
3. Approve Meeting Minutes:
  - a. **Elaine Pauley made a motion to approve the November 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Karen Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
4. Tax Abatement Hearing:

**Parcel ID: 001599 – Linn, Jennifer – 2112 Messer Hill Road– Residential**

Karen Evans opened by stating the name of the Appellant(s), property address, and parcel ID number. Karen read the Oath to the Appellant’s parents, Ronald & Kathy Westney as well as to Lister, Michael Coleman. Both acknowledged that they did. The Westley’s attended to speak on behalf of their daughter, Jennifer Linn as she lives out of state (the Town Clerk received written permission from Jennifer Linn to speak with her parents). Ronald Westney spoke to how Jennifer had the property deeded to her in 2011. When the property was re-evaluated in 2019, she began paying for a building that was nonexistent. The difference was approximately \$619.00 a year. Ronald Westney said that he would enjoy seeing all those years credited to future tax payments. Mike Coleman said the barn-like structure was inadvertently

charged to said parcel. Mike Coleman added that this was a manifest error by the Listers and the adjacent property owner was also charged. Mike Coleman said that for the 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 years the credit should be in the amount of \$2,229.87. He apologized for the error and was glad that it was brought to our attention. Karen Evans asked and wanted to confirm that this included all of the tax years. Yes, it did. **Hearing was closed at 5:14 PM.**

**Parcel ID: 000663 – McDonald, Richard & Karen – 71 McDonald Road – Residential**

Karen Evans opened by stating the name of the Appellant(s), property address, and parcel ID number. Karen read the Oath to the Appellant’s as well as to Lister, Michael Coleman. Karen asked the Appellants why they were applying for an abatement. Karen McDonald spoke on how they needed to take the building (smaller building on property) down because of the flood. After Irene they did fill the yard back in, but decided not to after the July 10<sup>th</sup> flood. Karen Evans asked Michael Coleman what he had for numbers. Michael gave a breakdown of percentages and land values that were consistent with other property owners who suffered loss from the July 10<sup>th</sup> flooding. Karen McDonald asked if the amount that Michael said, would be applied towards the February tax bill? Karen answered by saying, that the Board would need to discuss it after the hearing. **Hearing was closed at 5:28 PM.**

The Board went into deliberation at 5:29 PM.  
The Board came out of deliberation at 5:38 PM.

8. **Adjournment:**

- a. **The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell  
Town Clerk  
Board of Abatement

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Richard Olmstead