

Preliminary Meeting / Hearing Minutes

Town of Plymouth, Vermont

Board of Abatement Meeting & Hearing

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 Rd, in said Town on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

BOA Members Present:

Justice of the Peace: Bruce Pauley, Chase Morsey, and Justus Pingree

Select Board: Rick Kaminski and Jay Kullman

Town Clerk: Angela Kissell

Treasurer: Cherry Nicoll

Appellant(s): None in attendance

Abatement Hearing(s):

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

1. Call Meeting to Order:

a. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Consideration of Any Changes, Additions, or Removals to Agenda:

a. None

3. Board to Approve Meeting Minutes:

a. Jay Kullman made a motion to approve the March 16, 2026, meeting minutes. Justus Pingree seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. 1st Tax Abatement Hearing(s) Michael Scomillio – Great Roaring Brood Rd – Parcel Id: 000246:

a. Chair, Bruce Pauley opened the Hearing by reading number four and asked if there were going to be any appellants in attendance.

b. Angela Kissell stated that there were not going to be present.

c. Deborah Pelkey was there on behalf of the Town.

d. Bruce Pauley then said, let me ask you the oath “under the pains and penalties of perjury, do you solemnly swear that the evidence that you give in the cause under consideration shall be the whole truth and nothing but the truth?”

e. Deborah Pelkey answered, “I swear”.

f. Deborah talked about the Scomillio application. James is currently down in Florida at flight school so his dad, Michael Scomillio has been handling the situation. She continued that the

property was originally owned by Chris Sculti. Chris then subdivided acreage and sold a parcel to Mike Scomillio then another parcel to James Scomillio. There were several lots as well as several boundary line adjustments. Sculti built a camp on one of his lots, but when he sold a parcel to James in 2023 the Town of Plymouth Listers Office processed internal paperwork and carried the camp over to James Scomillio's assessment.

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- g. Jay Kullman said that he felt the property owners have a certain responsibility to look at their bill and understand it. If you have vacant land and the tax bill says camp on it why not question that?
 - h. Cherry Nicoll asked how much the assessed value is?
 - i. Deborah Pelkey said the value is 23,360. The total amount for three (3) years is \$1,981.11.
 - j. Bruce asked if tax bill showed the breakdown of land and building.?
 - k. Deborah said no but does show camp in the description. Deb also reiterated that dad is handling the finances because of flight school.
 - l. Justus talked about the zoning permit application in the file.
 - m. Deborah had a handout and pointed out that it is an all-enclosed building.
 - n. After the discussions were done, Bruce asked if anyone else had questions.
 - o. Nobody did.
 - p. First hearing was closed at 5:16 PM.**

2nd Tax Abatement Hearing – Spears & MacCausland – 210 Duck Pond Rd – Parcel Id: 001589:

- a. Bruce Pauley read the names and address of the next hearing. He also reminded Deborah that she was still under oath.
- b. Deborah began by talking about the land and how it was part of a 4 lot subdivision. She walked the land and looked at the pictures and the pictures in the computer were that of the neighbor, Russ Kikkert not Spears/MacCausland. Spears/MacCausland has a 20x40 cabin kit. It is only 40% finished. There is no plumbing, well or electricity.
- c. Bruce asked how something like this happens?
- d. Deborah said, rushing, distractions, photos get mixed up. Deb stated that she was an appraiser and she tried to have the same routine as human errors happen. She talked with the owners and they questioned the value but missed the grievance hearing date.
- e. Jay Kullman asked about recouping the education portion of the taxes. He stated we already paid this to the state.
- f. Cherry Nicoll added that the difference in value is 247,370.
- g. Deborah said that the grand list taxable value is \$7,878.74. The description is VL (vacant land) for last year.
- h. Deborah said that she can't take these errors personally as they were from previous Listers. Going forward after the revaluation of all properties then she will own them.
- i. Jay Kullman asked about the ability to recoup the monies that we are abating. He said there was something that he saw with the state that says we can. He sent Angela the link and she will research it.
- j. Bruce asked if anyone had more questions. No one did.
- k. Hearing was closed at 5:35 PM.**

The Board went into deliberation at 5:36 PM.

The Board came out of deliberation at 6:01 PM.

Decision:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the application request for James Scomillio with one stipulation.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the application request from David Spears and Cynthia MacCausland without stipulations.

6. Other Business:

a. None

7. Adjournment:

Justus Pingree made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 PM. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell
Town Clerk
Board of Abatement Recording Secretary

Board of Abatement

Rick Kaminski

Jay Kullman

Keith Cappellini

Angela Kissell

Cherry Nicoll

Bruce Pauley

Karen Evans

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