

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 Road, in said Town on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

BOA Members Present:

<u>Justice of the Peace:</u>	Bruce Pauley, Justus Pingree, and Karen Evans
<u>Select Board:</u>	Jay Kullman
<u>Town Clerk & Treasurer:</u>	Angela Kissell

Appellant(s): James E. Blanchard

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. Bruce Pauley called the meeting to order at 5:29 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 June 16, 2026, meeting minutes. Justus Pingree seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

4. Tax Abatement Hearing: James E. Blanchard – Hale Hollow Road – Parcel Id: 000758:

- a. Chair, Bruce Pauley opened the Hearing by reading the Appellants name, property address as well as parcel id.
- b. Bruce Pauley then said to the Appellant, 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?”
- c. James E. Blanchard answered, “I do”.
- d. Bruce Pauley asked if there had been any ex parte communication. Members of the Board indicated no.
- e. Bruce Pauley asked the Appellant if he received the instructions on process from the Town Clerk and asked if he had any questions.
- f. James Blanchard did not have any questions.
- g. Bruce asked the Appellant what Exemption he was applying for. Appellant answered that he was applying for the Veteran’s Exemption because he was late getting his paperwork to the

State/VA. Appellant went on to say that the paperwork was due May 1st; however, they didn't get it in the mail until May 31st. They misunderstood what had to be done. They thought once approved they didn't have to file every year but that is not the case. They have to file every year for 10 years.

- h. Angela Kissell talked about her communication with the VA, and it was something like nine (9) days before she heard back from them.
- i. Jame Blanchard said he got a response from them in July.
- j. Karen Evans asked Appellant what he was looking for.
- k. The Appellant answered that he was looking for the 40,000 reduction in assessed value that the Town approved last year.
- l. After the discussions were done, Bruce asked if anyone else had questions.
- m. Nobody did.
- n. Hearing was closed at 5:38 PM.**

The Board went into deliberation at 5:39 PM.

The Board came out of deliberation at 5:46 PM.

Decision:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant the 40,000 exemption for the Municipal Town Tax, but not the Education portion.

6. Other Business:

- a. None

7. Adjournment:

Angela Kissell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 PM. Jay Kullman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Kissell
Town Clerk / Treasurer
Board of Abatement Recording Secretary

Board of Abatement

Bruce Pauley

Jay Kullman

Keith Cappellini

Angela Kissell

Karen Evans

Justus Pingree

Josh Linton

Chase Morsey