

# Minutes of Meeting

## COVENTRY BOARD OF ABATEMENT

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

5:48 p.m.

Coventry Town Office

168 Main St, Coventry, VT 05825

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### Board of Abatement Present:

*Justices of the Peace:* Donald Hunt (Chairman); Richard Lussier, Melissa Gallup, Anita Allen,  
John Miller, Sherry Bradley

Not Present: Cheryl Currier

*Town Select Board:* Scott Briere, David Gallup

Not Present: Michael Marcotte

*Town Clerk:* Deb Tanguay

*Town Treasurer:* Not Present: David Barlow (Vice Chairman)

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**1.) Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:48 PM after having noted a quorum of BOA members. There were no other additions or adjustments to the agenda. The Board of Abatement members were signed in.

**2.) Approve Prior Minutes of Meeting:** A motion was made to approve the Minutes of Meeting of July 10, 2019 as presented. {RL/MG} There was no discussion and motion carried unanimously.

**3.) Public Comments:** Kate Fletcher requested to be notified of future BOA Meetings.

**4.) Resident Abatement Request – Robert Gaudreau:** Mr. Gaudreau was not able to attend the meeting in person or via telephone. The BOA started the discussion based on information received from Mr. Gaudreau, the Town Treasurer (David Barlow), and the Delinquent Tax Collector (Kate Fletcher). Kate Fletcher stated this has been an ongoing yearly issue with Mr. Gaudreau's property tax payments and that she has had many discussions with him. The BOA discussed Town processes pertaining to mail retrieval and disbursement.

**5.) Deliberative Session:** At 6:00 PM, Don made a motion to enter Deliberative Session in accordance with 1 V.S.A § 312(e) to discuss and finalize Mr. Gaudreau's abatement request. {JM/RL}

The BOA came out of deliberate session at 6:08 PM {JM/RL} with the following determination:

The BOA had enough information to make a well-formed decision. Don made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Gaudreau with the BOA's determination. Deb will prepare the letter and forward to BOA members for their review; then Don will sign the letter on behalf of the BOA board. {JM/SB} There was no further discussion and motion carried unanimously.

**6.) Other Business:** Kate Fletcher stated another abatement request may be forthcoming regarding a resident who removed 2 acres of land from Current Use in tax year 2018 for their son to place a home on. There was no action taken by the BOA.

**7.) Adjournment:** There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM {JM / SB}. There was no discussion and motion carried unanimously.

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Don Hunt  
Chairman, Board of Abatement

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Deb Tanguay, Town Clerk