

**Town of East Montpelier
Board of Tax Abatement**

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jan Aldrich, Ed Deegan, Michael Duane, Carl Etnier, Ross Hazel, Lindy Johnson, Tony Klein, Rosie Laquerre, Florence Morse, Chris Racanelli, Rebecca Reed, Amy Willis.

6:30 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Clerk Rosie Laquerre.

6:32 ELECTION OF CHAIR: Rebecca Reed moved to appoint Janice Aldrich as chair. Carl Etnier seconded the motion. The motion carried and Jan Aldrich took over the meeting.

6:35 HEARING

The hearing began at 6:35 p.m. There was discussion about the abatement request that was submitted. The group asked questions about proof of hardship and the interpretation of the phrase "removed from state". They also received clarification relative to the amount of tax due.

Rebecca Reed moved and Michael Duane seconded denial of the abatement request because the taxpayer did not present proof of hardship and the request could not otherwise be applied to the abatement statute. The motion carried and the request was denied, with Ed Deegan abstaining from the vote.

The Board adjourned by consensus at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre
Town Clerk