

# Minutes

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

Monday, September 28, 2020  
VIA ZOOM

Participants: Don Welch, Jon Jewett, Seth Gardner, Carl Etnier, Edie Miller, Lindy Johnson, Judith Dillon Ed Deegan, Jennifer Zollner, Amy Willis, Rosie Laquerre, Jan Aldrich, Virginia Burley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34

Ed Deegan moved and Rebecca Reed seconded to appoint Seth Gardner as chair of the BCA for the year 2020. The motion passed. Chair Gardner began the Abatement Hearing by asking Jason Lawrence to provide the board with information about his request.

### **6:35 HEARING – Town of East Montpelier**

Request for Abatement of Property Taxes

Jason Lawrence

3070 US Route 2

Jason Lawrence noted that the business has been slow over the past several virus most recently caused financial problems. The driveway renovations have been an obstacle for potential buyers as it will cost more than ten thousand dollars. Mr. Lawrence said he is working with the bank to refinance and hold escrow. Jon Jewett asked if a payment plan was ever considered. Judith Dillon asked about sources of income. Jason indicated that his antique business and computer equipment sales have stalled. Carl Etnier asked what has changed to require State permits. Mr. Lawrence described that due to a change of use of the building, other permits were required. There was discussion relative to

payments. Jason noted that tenants have not been in the building for the last three years. They will be cleaning it up putting it up for sale. He reported that things have gotten a bit better over the last couple of months and his business is completely online. The building is being used for storage.

There being no further questions, Rebecca Reed moved and Carl Etnier seconded moving into deliberative session. The motion passed and deliberative session began.

Deliberative session ended and Judith Dillon and Carl Etnier asked that it be removed from the Zoom Audio/Video. The Clerk will ensure that occurs.

Rebecca Reed moved and Ed Deegan seconded that the Board deny the abatement request because it does not meet the criteria for abatement as required by law. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca moved and Ed seconded adjourning the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre  
Town Clerk