



GEORGIA VERMONT

Selectboard BOA Meeting

Monday, May 25, 2023

Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom

Minutes

Zoom Details:

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Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

Dial by your Location: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order 6:05 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Brian Dunsmore
Linda Cramer
Carl Rosenquist
Karen Brigham
Craig Volatile – Wood
Jen Kale
Jacqui Hood
Justin Holmes
Nick Martin
Amber Baker
Ed Ballantyne
Shannon Jenkins – by Zoom

STAFF PRESENT

Cheryl Letourneau
Bill Hinman by Phone
Amber Baker

PUBLIC PRESENT

Bill Melanson

Bill Melanson, B. Hinman and A. Baker are sworn in.

38 B. Melanson is claiming there is a manifest error or mistake of the listers as the property cannot be lived in
39 during the winter months.
40 B. Melanson has a life lease on the property. J. Hood asked why the life lease was not considered when setting
41 the value for the for-tax purposes. B Himan said it was not asked of him to consider the life lease.
42 B. Dunsmore asked B. Hinman if the life lease would make a difference and he said yes, because it is based on life
43 expectancy.
44 E. Ballantyne said B. Melanson could get a homestead rebate on a life estate.
45 C. Rosenquist asked B. Melanson what he was looking for in the amount of abatement. B. Melanson said
46 anything the board could help with.
47 B. Melanson said he cannot live at the residence year-round because of the heating system. K. Brigham said that
48 is an issue with the trust deed and not the town.
49 B. Melanson said he detected black stuff in the basement and wanted to know if that could be a reason for an
50 abatement. The board recommends B. Melanson have someone look at what he believes is mold in the
51 basement.
52 B. Melanson can file an appeal letter to B. Hinman, and they can meet to discuss the value of the property. B.
53 Melanson will need to have a copy of the trust agreement or a letter from the executor of the trust.
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55 6:05 Motion to enter executive session by J. Kale, seconded by B. Dunsmore. All in favor.
56 6:45 Motion to exit executive session by B. Dunsmore, seconded by J. Holmes. All in favor
57 Motion to deny the request by A. Baker, seconded by B. Dunsmore. All in favor.
58 The board suggested B. Melanson look into a copy of the trust agreement and speak to AARP to help
59 with the taxes and homestead. A letter to B. Hinman will need to be sent for an appeal.
60 6:45 Motion to adjourn by B. Dunsmore, seconded by J. Hood. All in favor.

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