

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014**

Members Present, President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Larson, DePoy and Davis. Also present, Attorney Romeo, Assessor Keefe and City Clerk Heck.

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Greg Rollins, 33 Hazel Street

Alderman Larson read his committee report. The report noted two specific meetings with Greg Rollins and Hurley Cavacas. The first meeting had the requestor asking for relief from City taxes, noting their notifications of the Probate hearing and the City's failure to file a claim against the estate of the Probate Court. Prior to the meeting, Chair Larson researched the issue and with Attorney Romeo's discovery of a Waiver of Notice of Creditors, signed by the decedent's wife, Chair Larson asked Mr. Rollins and Mr. Cavacas if they were aware of this filing. They stated they were not aware and asked for an extension to contact the Probate Court. The committee agreed to reconvene at a later time.

The Committee and Mr. Cavacas did meet again where Mr. Cavacas asked the committee to abate past due taxes for 33 Hazel Street based on 24 V.S.A. sec/1535 (a)(3) taxes of persons who are unable to pay the tax, interest, or collection fees. Chair Larson noted that no financial information for Mr. Rollins was presented at the time of the request. No discussion of taxes or utilities owed took place. Mr. Cavacas stated that it was in his client's best interest to withdraw the appeal, but reserved the right to appeal in the future.

There was some debate as to a motion. Mr. Cavacas noted he would withdraw his clients request with a letter. No such letter has been received. A motion was then made to deny the request based on the information presented in the first letter asking for the abatement was inaccurate. This motion was seconded by Alderman Notte. **Motion passed.**

Rutland Rail Road 57 & 60 Strongs Ave.

President Allaire introduced the late request from Attorney Romeo for the Rutland Rail Road, asking the Board of Tax Abatement if they would like to add the issue under the additions and deletions portions of the agenda. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Davis) to add the issue to the agenda. **Motion passed.** Attorney Romeo then explained the request, noting the appraisals for the listed property was not correct and needed an adjustment for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Attorney Romeo also presented the dollar amounts to be waived, 57 Strongs was \$26,287.08 and 60 Strongs was \$6,289.32. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) for debate. Debate followed at length. Upon calling for a voice vote, the President was unsure of the results and asked for a show of hands. 6 YES 3 NO (Larson abstained) **Motion passed.**

At 7:03 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Heck
Rutland City Clerk