

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT  
BOARD OF TAX ABATEMENT  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015**

Members Present, President Allaire, Aldermen Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Brodowski, Larson, and Davis. Also present City Clerk Heck.

Absent were Aldermen Kiernan, Bloomer and DePoy.

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

Committee consisted of Aldermen Humphrey as Chair, Kiernan and Notte. Alderman Kiernan was absent at the committee meeting.

**Arthur & Laura Castle 138 Grove Street.**

Alderman Humphrey read her committee report for 138 Grove Street. It was noted during the committee meeting that this property was vandalized in June of 2014 resulting in damages of \$7,400 and the loss of rental income. The committee sought to abate the taxes for the damage \$7,400 and loss income \$10,500. Alderman Humphrey noted that she met with the Treasurer to obtain the calculations needed for the abatement request. Per this meeting, Alderman Notte moved in committee to abate taxes in the amount of \$574.02. Alderman Humphrey so moved the committee motion to the full Board. Alderman Notte seconded. There was debate from within the Board on how the loss of rental income was derived. With no further debate, the President called the motion. **Motion passed to abate in the amount of \$574.02.**

**Arthur & Laura Castle 1 Seabury Street.**

Alderman Humphrey read her committee report for 1 Seabury Street. This abatement request was similar to the 138 Grove Street request. Vandals had removed copper piping resulting in similar damage. The Castles noted that they have not settled with the insurance company, but expect the same damage estimates as 138 Grove St. It was noted that the tenants presently residing at 1 Seabury were being evicted and one member had been arrested for the vandalism at that location. It was noted that Alderman Notte sought to abate a year's rent as done in the 138 Grove St. abatement. The committee again spoke with Treasurer Wilton who helped provide the abatement numbers. The amount of \$515.50 was approved in committee and Alderman Humphrey so moved that amount to the full Board. Alderman Notte seconded. There was no debate. **Motion passed to abate in the amount of \$515.50.**

At 6:57 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Heck  
Rutland City Clerk