



**Town of Whitingham**

**Board of Abatement**

**MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2026**

*These Minutes are considered a DRAFT until accepted into the public record (with any corrections noted) at a future meeting of the Whitingham Board of Abatement.*

The Board of Abatement for the Town of Whitingham met on **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Town Clerk's Office, 2948 VT Route 100 and via Teams** to conduct the following business to wit.

**BOA members present:** Rachel Littlehale, Town Clerk; Abbie Corse, Chair BOA; Susan Johnson; Lyman (Skip) Tefft Jr.; Rick Gramlin; Terry Morse; Seth Boyd; Scott Reed; Julie Muller; and Marylee Putnam, Treasurer/Tax Collector.

**Others Present:** James Boyhen, Paul Agrillo, and Tami Traft.

1. Call to Order by the Board Chair.

**ABBIE CORSE CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:01 pm.**

2. Approve the minutes of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JULIE MULLER, SECONDED BY RICK GRAMLIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.**

**Abbie Corse, Chair of the Board of Abatement, followed the meeting sequence outlined in the Whitingham Board of Abatement Rules of Procedure for Tax Abatement Hearings.**

3. The Chair will conduct abatement hearings in the following sequence:

- Open the hearing, stating the name of the applicant, property location, and parcel ID number.
- Ask the applicant and witnesses to take the following oath:
  - ***"Under the pains and penalties of perjury, do you solemnly swear that the evidence you give in the cause under consideration shall be the whole truth and nothing but the truth?"***

- Abbie Corse administered the oath to James Boyhen, Paul Agrillo, Marylee Putnam, and Tami Traft. All accepted and took the oath.
- Request Board members to disclose any conflict of interest that exists and/or *ex-parte* communication that has taken place.
  - None were disclosed.
- Ask the applicant if he/she has received a copy of the Board's Rules of Procedure and whether he/she has any questions about how the hearing will proceed.
  - All applicants confirmed they received the Rules of Procedure.
- Ask the applicant to identify the statutory abatement category that the abatement request is being made under. These categories are set out at 24 V.S.A. §1535 (a) (1)-(10).
- Allow the applicants to present verbal and documentary evidence supporting the abatement request to the Board.
- Invite questions from the Board.
- Close the hearing and explain that the Board will enter a deliberative session and will issue a written decision within 30 days of the hearing.

#### 4. Hearing Schedule:

- James & Janet Boyhen, located at 172 Poverty Row and 368 Sadawga Rd.
  - James Boyhen spoke on behalf of both properties, requesting abatement of penalties and interest.
- Paul Agrillo, located at 178 Fowler Rd.
  - Paul Agrillo spoke on behalf of the property, requesting abatement of penalties and interest.
- Town of Whitingham, located at 2984 VT Route 100.
  - Marylee Putnam spoke on behalf of the Town, requesting abatement of 2025 taxes due to the property being purchased through FEMA.
- Tami Traft, located at 1846 Wilmington Cross Rd.
  - Tami Traft spoke on behalf of the property, requesting abatement of taxes that were the responsibility of the late William Garrity.

#### 5. Deliberative Session

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT REED, SECONDED BY SKIP TEFTT JR. TO ENTER DELIBERATIVE SESSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.  
BOARD ENTERED DELIBERATIVE SESSION AT 6:23pm.**

#### 7. Decisions


**The Board of Abatement entered Deliberative Session and has 30 days to send out decisions.**

8. Adjourn

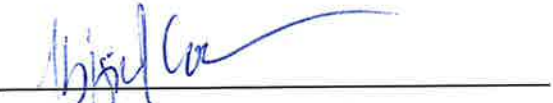
**A MOTION WAS MADE BY JULIE MULLER, SECONDED BY SCOTT REED TO ADJOURN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.**

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED AT 6:57pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Rachel Littlehale, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Abbie Corse", written over a horizontal line.

Abbie Corse, Chair of BOA