



Special Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Community Room, 43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468

In Person and/or Via Zoom

Members Present: Kristin Beers, Clerk; Kevin Endres, JP; John Gifford, Town Treasurer; Mary Ann Duffy Godin, JP; Reginald Godin, JP; Denise Hughes, JP; Jon Hughes, Chair; Michael Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Wendell Noble, JP; Betsy Paret, Selectboard Member; Lonnie Poland, JP; Kary Towne, JP; Robin Woods-Brisson, JP

Members Absent: Darren Adams, Selectboard Member; Diane Barrows, Selectboard Member; Charles Barsalow, JP; Jean Anne Branch, JP; Steve Burke, JP; Ed Clodfelter, Assessor; Leland Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Brenda Steady, JP

Others Present: Larissa Stride, Chad Trieb, Jennifer Murray, Tom Hughes

I. Call to Order

The Board of Abatement meeting was called to order by Jon Hughes at 6:01 PM.

II. Flag Salute

Jon Hughes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Forum

None.

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2025

Betsy Paret made a motion to approve the BOA minutes from the December 3, 2025 meeting, with a second by Michael Morgan. The motion passed unanimously.

V. To act on the abatements as received and presented by the Delinquent Tax Collector / Town Treasurer

John Gifford presented four proposed abatements in the following order:

a) Small balance "housekeeping" items (tax balances less than \$10.00):

- i) **Robin Woods-Brisson made a motion to abate the taxes for the 13 accounts with low balances for a total of \$10.15. Kevin Endres seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

b) Utility charges at 22 Rita Way:

- i) John Gifford summarized what the property owner wrote in his abatement request. The high water bill was caused by leaks that have since been repaired. The property owner recently purchased the property, has entered into a payment agreement with John Gifford to pay off the delinquent balance, and is requesting abatement of the sewer portion of the bill.
- ii) **Kevin Endres made a motion to abate \$445.27, the sewer portion and late penalties for account number 226081, with a second by Denise Hughes. There was a brief comment about going into deliberative session. The motion passed unanimously.**

c) Utility charges at 30 Rita Way:

- i) John Gifford explained that the property is under construction and unoccupied. Photos show that the plumbing is not connected. When the high January bill was received, the property owner had turned off the water and believed it was all set. But then the April bill was even higher. It is unknown who or how the water was turned back on.
- ii) Robin asked the property owner and no, the toilets were not connected at the time of the leak. Wendell asked if the town or the property owner is responsible for turning off water service to a property.
- iii) The property owner was in attendance and explained that she purchased the property with her ex and hasn't lived there in about two years. It has been in a constant state of construction and is essentially being used as an expensive storage unit. Around Christmas time (2025), she was surprised to hear water running underneath and turned the water off then. No idea who or how the water was turned back on.
- iv) **Denise Hughes made a motion to abate \$1,150.07, the sewer portion and late penalties for account number 226080, with a second by Robin Woods-Brisson. Kevin pointed out that the water never went through the sewer system, the town is not out any money, and they are paying the water portion. The motion passed unanimously.**

d) Taxes due to fire at 35 Hobbs Road:

- i) John Gifford explained the property owner is seeking tax abatement for her house which was destroyed by a fire on May 18, 2026. John described how he calculated the portion of taxes for just the house, from the date of the fire until June 30th. The taxes have already been paid on this property, and there was a brief discussion about issuing a refund versus carrying a credit to the next tax bill.
- ii) **Michael Morgan made a motion to abate \$243.38 of the 2025-2026 taxes for the account number 228024.000000 due to loss from fire, with a second by Betsy Paret. There was a brief discussion about a two-cent discrepancy in the materials provided, which was due to a rounding difference. The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. Other Business

No other business was brought before the board.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:20 PM by Betsy Paret, with a second by Michael Morgan. The motion passed unanimously.

All documents pertaining to this meeting may be viewed using the following link:

https://miltonvt.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/TownOfMiltonFilesFolders/IgB79HifAOoNTprZfc6_vYzeAdhrKh7TAFtT8H1ISi-8Utg?e=SG3wxo

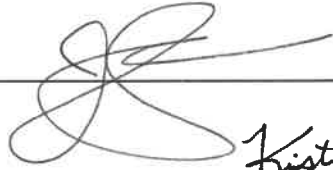
A video recording of this meeting can be found at the following location:

<https://miltonvt.gov/AgendaCenter>

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kristin Beers, Town Clerk

APPROVED
MINUTES:

Chair



Date

7/29/26

ATTEST:

Milton Town Clerk

Kristin Beers

7/31/2026

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