

# TOWN OF BARRE - TAX GRIEVANCE HEARING

August 4, 2015

## AGENDA

(This meeting is being audio taped.)

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Amend the Agenda
3. Approve minutes of June 24, 2014 and June 17, 2015 Board of Abatement meetings.
4. Administer Oath to Board Members:  
I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly hear and determine all matters at issue between taxpayers and Assessor submitted for my decision. So help me God (or under the pains and penalties of perjury).
5. This hearing is being audio taped. Be advised the tape recorder can pick up background conversations. Speak clearly and identify yourself.
6. In accordance with Vermont Statutes, Chapter 32, Section 4404 (b), the first Tax Grievance hearing must begin no later than 14 days after the last date allowed for the notice of appeal, at some place within the Town. The deadline to submit appeals to this Board was Wednesday, July 20, 2015.
7. Review the Tax Grievance code of Conduct Policy. Review the Abatement Hearing Code of Conduct Policy. (Consider the proposed the proposed amendment made during the June 17, 2015 meeting. Awaiting opinion from Town Attorney.)
8. Discuss Board of Abatement blanket authorization for Town Treasurer to abate "No Transport" calls without a hearing.
9. Other Business:
  - A) Next Meeting is Thursday, September 17, 2015 to take evidence from the Assessor and appellant (Stephen & Lisa Brassard).
  - B) Authority for Clerk to not present an abatement request to the BOA when all completed and required documents (application, income/expense statement, etc.) are not provided by the necessary deadlines.
  - C) Procedure question: Should best practice be that the Chair incorporates into Tax Grievance/Abatement agendas a question for the Board asking if "a member would like to disclose or be recused from hearing a request."
  - D) To discuss any other Board of Civil Authority business as needed.
10. A motion to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, September 17, 2015.