

Meeting minutes: Board of Abatement: Baker 5pm Aug, 19, 2026

Summary

This meeting was a Board of Civil Authority abatement hearing for Betty Baker's property tax appeal. The board discussed her request to abate approximately \$5,000 in unpaid property taxes for tax years 2024 and 2025, with \$1,047.96 owed for 2024 and the full amount due for 2025. Since Betty Baker and her daughter did not appear at the hearing despite receiving proper notification, the board lacked sufficient evidence to make an informed decision about the tax abatement request. After discussion about the lack of supporting documentation and the family's claimed hardship due to a deceased family member who previously handled the taxes, the board voted to deny the abatement request. The board also noted that Betty Baker has the option to refile a similar request in the future or appeal the decision to court.

Present: Beth Wade, Amy Monahan, Jenn Miner, Peggy Miller, Skip Bothfeld, Fred Ducharme, Cedric Alexander, Jacqueline Lumbra, Brittany Butler, and Jeanne Johnson.
Meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Brittany

A chair and Vice chair must be chosen, Jeanne nominated skip Jacqueline 2nd and motion carried

Jen was nominated by Jeanne as vice chair, Fred 2nd and motion carried.

Roberts rules of order was unanimously voted as our rule of procedure.

Fred asked if any arrangements have been made with Sue and is she being taxed fairly? Sue was not in attendance to ask and yes she is being taxed fairly according to the listers. The board wanted to know what the hardship was. We only have to documents that she filled out which only lists a hardship. The listers say that Betty is in poor health and that is the reason. The board did not like hearsay and ultimately decided to deny the requested abatement.

Jacqueline made the motion to deny the abatement Amy 2nd motion carried unanimously.

Fred made the motion to adjourn meeting at 5:22 and Jenn 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Brittany Butler
Town Clerk