

TOWN OF ORANGE
BOARD OF ABATEMENT MINUTES
Orange Town Hall
April 13, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.

Present: JP Francis Kidder, JP Sue Perreault, JP Lee Martenson, JP Kevin Wilson, Selectboard Chair Steve Simpson, Selectperson Carmella Tucker, Lister John McNeil, Lister Arthur McNeil, Lister Ed Bedard, Town Clerk Diane Hallenbeck, Ginny Raboin, Michael Raboin Jr., Jay Houle. Absent: JP Tina Otis, Selectperson Kristin Paya

1. Call to Order

Steve Simpson called the Board of Abatement hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was then turned over to JP Francis Kidder.

3. Swearing in of Board of Abatement - The oath was administered to all Board members.

4. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

On a motion by John McNeil, seconded by Kevin Wilson, Francis Kidder was nominated as Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Francis Kidder, seconded by Lee Martenson, Kevin Wilson was elected as Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Lister John McNeil recused himself from deliberations due to his role as Lister and Delinquent Tax Collector. He remained available to answer questions.

5. Jay Houle – 17 Neddo Road

Mr. Houle appeared before the Board regarding his request for abatement due to financial hardship and medical conditions. Documentation indicated an inability to pay taxes for multiple years due to illness.

6. Terry Muzzy – 632 Reservoir Road

Mr. Muzzy submitted a request for abatement of taxes citing financial hardship related to a cancer diagnosis and inability to pay back taxes.

7. Deliberative Session

The Board entered deliberative session at 7:44 p.m. pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 312 (quasi-judicial proceeding).

8. Action and Adjournment

Following deliberation, on a motion by Kevin Wilson, seconded by Francis Kidder, the Board voted to grant full abatement for both applicants. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Carmella Tucker, seconded by Francis Kidder, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hallenbeck
Town Clerk