

HARTFORD BOARD OF ABATEMENT
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Hartford Town Hall, Room 2
171 Bridge Street, White River Jct., VT 05001

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Members present: Jo Alexander; Sara Blood, Vice-Chair; Lynn Bohi; Pat Cook; Mary Erdei; Tim Fariel; Scott Farnsworth; Don Foster; Jen Horn; Nancy Howe, Chair; Sue Kirincich; Erik Krauss; Linda Miller; Adam Ricker; Tim Fariel; and Rick Vincent, Assessor.

5:30pm: Nancy Howe, Chair, called the meeting to order. She reviewed the agenda. The Clerk was absent, so Sara Blood took notes and recorded the meeting.

Hearing #1: James & Patricia Martin
Property Location: 2034 Route 14
Parcel ID #8-46/SPAN #285-090-13436

The Chair opened the hearing and identified the property. She noted the applicants, James and Patricia Martin, would not be present due to illness. The applicants are requesting \$52.86 representing the penalty amount. The applicants cited health reasons for paying taxes after the due date. Mrs. Martin indicated in the request that after paying the taxes and penalty they received a second delinquent notice with additional penalties applied. She paid that as well. The Chair noted the Finance Department was extremely short-staffed during this period, and it is possible the initial payment was not applied immediately.

The Chair closed the hearing and the BoA entered deliberations.

5:35pm: The BoA reconvened after deliberations. Lynn Bohi made a motion to abate the amount of \$158.58 reflecting the initial penalty and interest applied as well as the second penalty that was assessed. Linda Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5:39pm: Mary Erdei moved to adjourn the Board of Abatement meeting. Jen Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rick Vincent, Assessor, left the meeting.

The members reconvened as the Board of Civil Authority. The Chair discussed the potential for new location to hold elections. She noted there is an upcoming meeting on May 1st with a group from the school, the BCA and the School Board, to discuss logistics and considerations to make such a move to Dothan Brooks School. Nancy, Lisa and Nancy Russell, School Board Chair viewed DBS in December. The Clerk & BCA Chair generated a list of items to discuss and consider at the meeting to include, but not limited to, tight turn-around time to be ready for the August Primary; difficulty fitting two districts; parking issues; storage; etc. The Chair asked for additional feedback from the BCA members.

The Chair reminded the BCA members about the upcoming election dates in August and November as well as filing deadlines for Justices of the Peace.

6:55pm: Tim Fariel made a motion to adjourn. Linda Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa M. O'Neil, Hartford Town Clerk