



**TOWN OF WHITINGHAM
BOARD OF ABATEMENT
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MINUTES

August 4, 2021

Ms. Aekus called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., in the Town Clerk's Office of the Whitingham Municipal Center on Tuesday, August 4, 2021 agreeable to the warning.

Board of Abatement members present: Abigail Corse, Susan Cooke Johnson, Elizabeth McKinley, Terry Morse, Scott Reed, James Weber, Julie Muller, Dana Homer, Nathaniel Stoddard, and Almira Aekus.

Board members introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Elizabeth McKinley that Susan Cooke Johnson serve as chair for the hearing, seconded by Almira Aekus, all in favor.

Appellant: David Ranslow – Was not in attendance for the hearing on his request for abatement.

Re: Request for Abatement of sewer user fees pursuant to 24 V.S.A.1535
Sewer User located at 129 Gates Pond Road owned by David Ranslow, Sewer User No. J-36-C

Ms. Johnson read the request from Mr. Ranslow to the board and the board reviewed the supporting documentation.

The board closed the public meeting and went into deliberative session.

Upon returning to open session at 6:20 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weber to deny the request for abatement based on the fact that Mr. Ranslow's request did not fit the criteria for abatement of 24 V.S.A., 1535 (3) as the board felt the statute was intended for a temporary reduction in income and Mr. Ranslow's annual income is consistent every year. The motion was called with seven members voting in favor and Elizabeth McKinley voting against.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Almira L. Aekus, Clerk

Susan Johnson, Chair

Board of Abatement