

DECREE

WALDO, SS.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PETITION # 334(2)
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 ADJOURNED SESSION
TO WIT: NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

DAVID BAKER VERSUS TOWN OF TROY:

On September 11, 2007 the Waldo County Commissioners; John M. Hyk, Chairman; Amy R. Fowler and Donald P. Berry, Sr. met to hear the tax abatement appeal of David Baker of Troy. Present for this appeal was Petitioner David Baker along with Defendants Town of Troy Assessors Agent Elizabeth Morin and Carroll Weeks; he being an employee of Hamlin and Associates. Recording the minutes was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau, assisted by Deputy County Clerk Veronica Stover. Also present were members of the press.

The Petitioner, David Baker, stated he was present to discuss a property tax issue and request an abatement and added that this was his second or third time requesting the same abatement from Ms. Morin and the Town of Troy. He was now approaching the Commissioners about it. He claimed that his property tax had increased by about 30%, was not compared properly with other properties in the Town of Troy, and had bog land which was not considered in the assessment.

The Defendant, the Town of Troy, sent Elizabeth Morin as the assessor’s agent for the Town of Troy since 1988. Ms. Morin stated that she has done several revaluations of the State of Maine and her company is the assessor’s agents for several towns in Maine. She further explained that the Town of Troy was undergoing a revaluation and the same factor had been applied to all properties in the town; resulting in an increase in everyone’s property taxes. She further stated that when Mr. Baker had contacted her about the bog land issue, she had requested documentation detailing how much of his property was bog or swamp land and had been willing to look at that in terms of tax assessment, had it been provided. Mr. Baker had not provided documentation.

After hearing the testimony of both parties and learning that the assessor for the Town of Troy was willing to examine the bog land issue, the Waldo County Commissioners voted as follows:

****D. Berry, Sr. moved, A. Fowler seconded to deny the abatement. Following brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2007 by the
Waldo County Commissioners:

John M. Hyk, Chairman Amy R. Fowler, Associate Donald P. Berry, Sr.

Attest: _____
Barbara L. Arseneau, Waldo County Clerk