DECREE

WALDO, SS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PETITION # 338
JANUARY 23, 2008 ADJOURNED SESSION
TO WIT: JANUARY 31, 2008

CLIFFORD H. BENNETT VS. TOWN OF BROOKS:

On January 23, 2008, at 10:05 a.m., Waldo County Commissioners John M. Hyk, Chairman; Amy R. Fowler and Donald P. Berry, Sr. heard the appeal of Mr. Clifford H. Bennett regarding a tax abatement request denied by the Town of Brooks. Present with the Commissioners was Petitioner Clifford H. Bennett of Brooks and Defendants Town of Brooks Selectmen Raymond D. Shute, Benjamin F. Lufkin and Linda Lord. Also present were observers Fred Eikelberg and Dan Mulcahey, both Town of Brooks citizens. Recording the minutes was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau, assisted by Deputy County Clerk Veronica Stover.

Commissioner John Hyk opened the hearing by reading the rules of the proceedings and swearing in the Petitioner and Defendants.

Petitioner Clifford H. Bennett claimed that he was being taxed for 244 acres of land and stated that he believed he was being taxed twice on ten acres of land that should be separate because it is a gravel pit. He submitted 2007 tax bills for the Commissioners to review.

The Town of Brooks submitted copies of 2007 Real Estate Tax Bills, Billing Information, Maps 4 & 5 – Lots 1, 49 and 42, and Map 7 – Lots 55 and 57, demonstrating that Mr. Bennett was being taxed for 251 acres, which had been divided into three lots. Seven acres had been subtracted for Genie Hurd (R7 – 15) and 9.68 acres of gravel pit were being taxed as only 5 acres.

The Commissioners asked the Petitioner if he was satisfied that he was not being overcharged and he replied that he was satisfied. Therefore, the Waldo County Commissioners voted as follows:

**A. Fowler moved, D. Berry, Sr. seconded to deny the Petitioners abatement request. The motion passed unanimously.

Signed this Thirty-first day of January, 2008 by the Waldo County Commissioners:

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

Attest: _____
       Barbara L. Arseneau, Waldo County Clerk