

DECREE

WALDO, SS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PETITION # 358
AUGUST 14, 2012 ADJOURNED SESSION
TO WIT: AUGUST 16, 2012

DEBORAH PENNEY VS. TOWN OF KNOX

On August 14, 2012 9:30 a.m., Waldo County Commissioners William D. Shorey (Chairman), Amy R. Fowler and Betty I. Johnson held a tax abatement appeal hearing at the request of Plaintiff Deborah Penney regarding her property at 86 Shibles Road in Knox, Maine. Present with the Commissioners were Petitioner Deborah Penney along with Defendant Town of Knox Selectmen Galen Larrabee, Jeffrey Stevens and William Ingraham. Recording the minutes was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau.

Commissioner William D. Shorey opened the hearing by reading the rules of the proceedings and swearing in the Petitioner and Defendants. He also stated that after the Commissioners have made a decision, which may or may not be the same day as the hearing, either party may appeal this decision to the Superior Court of the State of Maine in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Title 36, §844 and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80B. Commissioner Shorey asked the Petitioner to speak first.

Petitioner Deborah Penney stated that she has been applying for abatements for a long time because she feels her taxes have been too high for years. The trailer has been unlivable since March or April of 2011 and no-one is living there.


There was discussion on whether or not Ms. Penney received a tax abatement in March of 2011. It was determined that she had received an abatement of \$132.61 of the original \$361.30 tax bill, but does not agree with the amount she was given.


Ms. Penney submitted four examples of tax assessments.

After additional discussion, Commissioner Shorey recommended splitting the bill in half. Following a brief discussion, the Commissioners voted as follows:

****B. Johnson moved, W. Shorey seconded to allow abatement of \$64.32. Passed by two, A. Fowler opposed.**

Signed this Sixteenth day of August, 2012 by the Board of Waldo County Commissioners:


William D. Shorey, Chairman


Amy R. Fowler, Associate


Betty I. Johnson, Associate

Attest: 
Barbara L. Arseneau, Waldo County Clerk