

DECREE

WALDO, SS.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PETITION # 340
JULY 8, 2008 ADJOURNED SESSION
TO WIT: JULY 28, 2008**

TRI-TOWN SNOW RIDERS, INC. VS. TOWN OF MORRILL:

On July 8, 2008, at approximately 9:45 a.m., Waldo County Commissioners John M. Hyk, Chairman; Amy R. Fowler and Donald P. Berry, Sr. held a tax abatement hearing at the request of Plaintiff Tri-Town Snow Riders, Inc. regarding property on 21 Brown Road, Morrill, Maine. Present with the Commissioners was Petitioner Tri-Town Snow Riders, Inc. Treasurer Lois Cross, and Defendants Town of Morrill Selectmen John Peeler, 1st Selectmen and Keith Thompson, 3rd Selectmen. Also present was Dawn Roberts, Secretary/Bookkeeper for the Town of Morrill. 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.

Commissioner Donald P. Berry, Sr. excused himself from the hearing due to a conflict of interest for him to serve on the Commissioners appeal board since he also belongs to the Tri-Town Snow Riders, Inc.

Petitioner Lois Cross, Treasurer of the Tri-Town Snow Riders, Inc. claimed that their organization is non-profit and they feel that their taxes have doubled and there has been no change to the property or building.

Defendants Town of Morrill Selectmen explained that the Selectmen had denied the original abatement request because after reviewing the situation with Jeff Kendall of the Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Division, they concluded that allowing a complete property tax exemption would set a precedent that would not be in the town's best interest.

After hearing the testimonies of the Plaintiffs and Defendants and examining the evidence before them, the Waldo County Commissioners recommended that the Defendants and Plaintiff meet together across the hall and see if they could come up with an appropriate solution. After this brief meeting L. Cross withdrew the request for 2005 and 2006's taxes to be refunded and as mutually agreed with the selectmen, Tri-Town Snow Riders, Inc. would pay \$565.44 for the 2007 taxes, which was the same as 2006.

The Commissioners then voted as follows:

****A. Fowler moved, J. Hyk seconded to approve the revised abatement request by the Tri-Town Snow Riders to pay the same amount of taxes as 2006, or \$565.44, for the 2007 property taxes. Motion passed by two in favor and with D. Berry, Sr. abstaining.**

Signed this Twenty-eighth day of July 28, 2008 by the Waldo County Commissioners:

John M. Hyk, Chairman

Amy R. Fowler, Associate

Donald P. Berry, Sr.

Attest: _____
Barbara L. Arseneau, Waldo County Clerk