

# DECREE

WALDO, SS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
PETITION # 355  
JUNE 14, 2011 ADJOURNED SESSION  
TO WIT: June 22, 2011

## **PETER WALKER VS. TOWN OF NORTHPORT:**

On June 14, 2011, at 10:20 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 Peter Walker regarding his property at 81 Bayside Road in Northport, Maine. Present with the Commissioners were Petitioner Peter Walker along with Defendants Town of Northport Assessors Agent Robert Duplisea and Steven Salley. Recording the minutes was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau, assisted by Deputy County Clerk Veronica Spear.

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. The Petitioner was asked to speak first.

Petitioner Peter Walker stated that the Town of Northport has excessively over-valued his property. He also stated that there was a "huge jump" in the assessment between 2009 and 2010. Mr. Walker compared the assessment for his property in Northport with property he also owns in Owl's Head, stating that the property in Owl's Head was lower than the property in Northport.

Defendant Town of Northport Assessors Agent Robert Duplisea and Steven Salley submitted documents to show that Mr. Walker's property is assessed consistent with similar properties in Northport. The Assessors agents further explained that the large increase in the assessment was because they found and corrected a coding error in the software program used for assessing.

After hearing the testimonies of the Plaintiffs and Defendants and examining the evidence before them, the Waldo County Commissioners voted as follows:

**\*\*B. Johnson moved, A. Fowler seconded to deny the abatement request from Peter Walker. No further discussion. Unanimous.**

**Signed this Twenty-second day of June, 2011 by the Board of Waldo County Commissioners:**

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William D. Shorey, Chairman

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Amy R. Fowler, Associate

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Betty I. Johnson, Associate

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara L. Arseneau, Waldo County Clerk