

**SHREWSBURY BOARD OF ABATEMENT
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Shrewsbury Board of Abatement convened at 7:00 P.M. pm on April 6, 2026 both in person and remotely.

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 9 out of 12 members present. Justices of the Peace – Barry Griffith, Patricia Norton, Adrienne Raymond, Lucy (Ludy) Biddle, Betsy Jesser, Selectboard members, Aaron Korzun and Francis Wyatt, Town Clerk, Rebecca Rice, and Town Treasurer, Linda McGuire. Also in attendance in person: Steven Nicholson, Delinquent tax collector and as a member of the public, and Mimi Burstein, Assistant Assessor. Appearing remotely was Mona Lawrence Pailing.

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 pm by Rebecca Rice. Ludy Biddle moved to have Barry Griffith was appointed as Chairperson. Francis Wyatt seconded the motion and was passed unanimously.

2. The Chair read the property location and parcel id of the requested hearing. The applicant Mona Lawrence Pailing, Steven Nicholson and Mimi Burstein were sworn in. No conflicts of interest or ex parte communication was declared.

The Board heard the request by Mona Lawrence Pailing for an abatement of at least a portion of the taxes and penalty owed for 2025 due to her inability to pay and the fact that she believed that the property was over assessed. Applicant had provided her financial information to the Town Clerk prior to the hearing, which had been provided to the Board. Copies of the application and the financial information were also provided at the meeting. Ms. Burstein also provided the Board with a current photograph of the property as well as a copy of the current assessment with figures for the property. Ms. Lawrence Pailing testified that the property had not been lived in since 2011. She also testified as to her current financial situation and the fact that she had paid all the taxes for all prior years she had owned the property. Ms. Burstein testified that based on her site visit that day, certain components of the property were probably overvalued. Applicant testified that she had heard that both the well and the septic would need to be replaced. Those facts could not be verified.

3. The Board entered deliberative session at 7:25 pm. Returned to regular session at 7:45pm.

Motion to Adjourn made by Rebecca Rice, seconded by Barry Griffith. Adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Town Clerk, Rebecca Rice to write the decision for the Chair's signature

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL ACTION TAKEN AT THE BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2026.

ATTEST:



DATE: APRIL 8, 2026