

DECREE

WALDO, SS.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PETITION # 327
JUNE 13 AND JULY 11, 2006 ADJOURNED
SESSIONS
TO WIT: JULY 31, 2006**

THELMA AND HAROLD LEDDEN VERSUS TOWN OF FREEDOM

On June 13, 2006, the three Waldo County Commissioners held a tax abatement hearing at the request of Plaintiffs Thelma and Harry Ledden regarding their property at 38 Beaver Ridge Road in Freedom Maine. Present with the Commissioners were Plaintiffs Thelma and Harry Ledden and their associates Carol and Arthur Richardson. There was no representation for the Defendant. Recording the minutes was Waldo County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau along with Deputy County Clerk Veronica Stover.

The Plaintiff requested abatement of \$100.00 per acre for that part of the property that was swamp or “waste” land for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005. After hearing the testimonies of the Plaintiffs and their associates, the County Commissioners voted as follows:

****A. Fowler moved, G. Boetsch seconded to close the hearing and deliberate it at the next Commissioners’ meeting. Unanimous.**

On July 11, 2006, the County Commissioners convened the tax abatement hearing between Mr. and Mrs. Ledden and the Town of Freedom. Present with the County Commissioners were Plaintiffs Thelma and Harry Ledden and their associates Carol and Arthur Richardson. Also present was the Defendant as represented by Selectmen Steven Bennett and Timothy Biggs. The Commissioners declined hearing testimony from the Defendant because they had not been present at the initial tax abatement hearing and it had been reconvened solely for the purpose of deliberations by the County Commissioners on the findings from the hearing on June 13, 2006. After deliberating briefly, the County Commissioners voted as follows:

****A. Fowler moved, G. Boetsch seconded to accept the petition and award the abatement of eight (8) acres as wetland. Passed two to one, with J. Hyk in opposition.**

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**Signed this _____ day of _____, 2006 by the
Waldo County Commissioners:**

John M. Hyk, Chairman Charles G. Boetsch, Associate Amy R. Fowler, Associate

**Attest: _____
Barbara L. Arseneau, Waldo County Clerk**