

DECREE

WALDO, SS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PETITION # 339
April 8, 2008 ADJOURNED SESSION
TO WIT: APRIL 15, 2008

EDWARD WANCUS, JR VS. TOWN OF KNOX:

On April 8, 2008, at 9:35 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 Edward Wancus, Jr. regarding his property on a discontinued road between Rt. 137 and Old County Road, Knox, Maine. Present with the Commissioners was Petitioner Edward Wancus, Jr. of Prospect and Defendants Town of Knox Selectmen Galen Larrabee, 1st Selectmen and Thomas Berry, 2nd Selectmen. Also present was Craig R. Wood, a citizen of the Town of Knox. 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.

Petitioner Edward Wancus, Jr. claimed that his property was overvalued because it is inaccessible by vehicle and does not have modern amenities, as compared with road-front properties that do.

Defendants Town of Knox Selectmen explained that the Selectmen had denied the original abatement request because Mr. Wancus had constructed a new camp on the property and they further explained that Mr. Wancus' property was taxed consistently with the way lots are assessed for other Knox landowners.

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

****A. Fowler moved, D. Berry, Sr. seconded to deny the Petitioners abatement request. The motion passed with 2 in favor and 1 opposed (J. Hyk).**

Signed this Fifteenth day of April, 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