

DECREE

WALDO, SS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PETITION # 360
JANUARY 8, 2013 ADJOURNED SESSION
TO WIT: JANUARY 9, 2013

PETER WOODWARD VS. TOWN OF PALERMO

On January 8, 2013 at 9:30 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 Woodward regarding his property at 309 Bald Head Island West, Palermo, Maine. Present with the Commissioners were Petitioner Peter Woodward along with Defendant Town of Palermo Assessors Darryl McKenney and Simeon Brown. Recording the minutes was County Clerk Barbara Arseneau.

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. Commissioner Shorey asked the Petitioner to speak first.

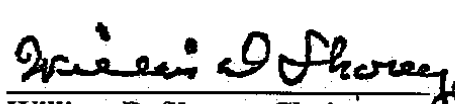
Petitioner Peter Woodward stated that he had his property listed with Adams Realty, and although the property was shown to several prospective buyers, it did not sell. The main reason was the camp next door, which is big, sprawling and looks out of place. Because of this, he is asking for some taxation relief. He provided an email from Adams Realty as well as pictures of his camp and the camp next door.

The Palermo Selectmen provided information pertaining to how they come up with the valuations in general, how they came up with the valuation for the Woodward property, and the property next door. They stated that Mr. Woodward brought in information that the Selectmen were not aware of and they will go back and look at that particular area of the lake.

After additional discussion, the Commissioners deemed that the assessment is fair and comparable for the size of the house and voted as follows:


****A. Fowler moved, B. Johnson seconded to deny the abatement. Unanimous.**

Signed this Ninth day of January, 2013 by the Board of Waldo County Commissioners:


William D. Shorey, Chairman


Amy R. Fowler, Associate


Betty I. Johnson, Associate

Attest: 
Barbara L. Arseneau, Waldo County Clerk