

Board of Civil Authority Meeting
Held on October 26, 2022

The Board of Civil Authority meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall at Barre, Vermont by Board Chair Amanda Gustin. Members present were Patti Bisson, William Toborg, Ivana Argenti, Jake Hemmerick, Lisa Liotta, Peter Anthony, Samn Stockwell, Teddy Waszazak, Tess Taylor (arrived 6:02 PM), and Clerk Carol Dawes.

Members not present were: Michael Boutin, Emel Cambel, Michael Deering, Bob Houle, Kimberlie Koalenz-Rosa, Karen Lauzon, Thom Lauzon, Brian Parker, Louise Parks, and Jo Perreault.

Also present: NONE

Minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting were approved on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

Chair Gustin re-opened the 2022 property tax assessment appeal hearings, and reviewed the procedures.

BCA 2022-01: 30 Lawrence Avenue, parcel #0940-0030.0000. William Donahue (estate).

The inspection team of Peter Anthony, Ivana Argenti, and Samn Stockwell gave its report, presented by Board Member Anthony. Tom Donahue, brother of deceased owner William Donahue, was present for the inspection, which was conducted on October 4 & 5, 2022. The report noted the poor condition of the property, noting compromised sections of the roof exposed to the elements, and visible floor joists and no floor on the 1st floor. The property is on municipal water, but has its own septic system, which is currently non-functional. There is no functioning heating system, and lots of mold is present. The second floor isn't safely accessible, and insulation throughout is compromised.

There was a brief period of questions and answers from the Board.

Hearing no further questions or discussion, the hearing was closed on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Toborg. **Motion carried.**

The Board went into deliberative session at 6:08 PM on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Toborg. **Motion carried.**

The Board came out of deliberative session at 6:22 PM on motion of Board Member Toborg, seconded by Board Member Anthony. **Motion carried.**

Chair Gustin said the Board's decision is to confirm the assessment on the land or \$34,720, and reduce the assessment on the structures by 60% as a depreciation factor based on the condition of the structure, water damage and mold throughout the building, for a total assessment of \$65,780. The written decision will be mailed to the appellant's representatives within the 15 days as required by statute.

Chair Gustin noted the letter sent out via email earlier today from City Manager Storellicastro regarding expectations of the City's board, commissions, and committees. It was noted the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement, along with Development Review Board and Planning Commission, are controlled by statute.

Clerk Dawes reminded everyone of next Thursday's pre-election meeting in advance of the November 8th general election, and encouraged BCA members to sign up to work at the polls.

Approved at November 3, 2022 BCA Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S Dawes
Clerk of the Board