Board of Civil Authority Meeting Held on October 25, 2023

The Board of Civil Authority meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. in the Council Chambers, City Hall at Barre, Vermont by Board Chair Tabitha Tant. Members present were Teddy Waszazak, Patti Bisson, Haley Pero, Samn Stockwell, Peter Anthony, Ivana Argenti, Lisa Liotta (arrived 6:06 PM), and Clerk Carol Dawes.

Members not present were: Rosemary Averill, Tim Boltin, Michael Boutin, Emel Cambel, Michael Deering, Amanda Gustin, Jake Hemmerick, Tom Kelly, Karen Lauzon, Thom Lauzon, Brian Parker, Tess Taylor, and William Toborg.

Also present: NONE

Minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting were approved on motion of Board Member Waszazak, seconded by Board Member Anthony. **Motion carried.**

Chair Tant re-opened the 2023 property tax assessment appeal hearings, and invited the inspection teams to give their reports.

BCA 2023-01: 95 Seminary Street, #1295-0095.0000, Lilbuddy Manor LLC

The inspection team of Teddy Waszazak, Lisa Liotti, and Patti Bisson gave its report, presented by Board Member Waszazak. Ismina Francois, representative for Lilbuddy Manor LLC, was present for the inspection, which was conducted on October 6, 2023. The report noted the property consisted of 0.21 acres, and the building included a small commercial space and four apartments. The overall condition is poor, with the commercial space and two of the apartments uninhabitable. Two of the apartments are currently occupied, and the other two apartments are under substantial renovation. The commercial space has no electric or water/sewer service at this time.

There was a brief period of questions and answers including members of the BCA and Ms. Francois.

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

BCA 2023-02: 224 N. Main St., #1095-0224.0000, 224 North Main St LLC.

The inspection team of Amanda Gustin, Tess Taylor, and Haley Pero gave its report, presented by Board Member Pero. Thom and Karen Lauzon, representatives for 224 North Main Street LL were present for the inspection, which was conducted on October 23, 2023. The report noted the property consisted of a commercial building divided into two approximately equally sized sections. The northern half of the building has undergone renovations over the past several months. The space includes a bar and two bathrooms. The southern half of the building is unfinished with partially deconstructed walls. The basement of the building is also divided into north and south sections; both of which are unfinished.

There were no questions or discussion on the report.

The hearing was closed on motion of Board Member Bisson, seconded by Board Member Liotta. Motion carried.

Clerk Dawes noted the Board would now move into deliberative session to make its decisions on the appeal requests, and the decisions would be issued in writing within 15 days, as required by statute.

The Board went into deliberative session at 6:18 PM on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Liotta. **Motion carried.**

The Board came out of deliberative session at 6:50 PM on motion of Board Member Bisson, seconded by Board Member Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM on motion of Board Member Liotta, seconded by Board Member Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S Dawes Clerk of the Board