

To be approved at October 26, 2022 BCA Meeting

Board of Civil Authority Meeting
Held on September 28, 2022

The Board of Civil Authority meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers at Barre, Vermont by Board Chair Amanda Gustin. Members present were Jo Perreault, Lisa Liotta, Jake Hemmerick, Ivana Argenti, Peter Anthony, William Toborg, Teddy Waszazak, Thom Lauzon, Samn Stockwell, Patti Bisson, Tess Taylor (arrived 6:06 PM), and Clerk Carol Dawes.

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

Also present was Interim City Assessor Janet Shatney.

Clerk Dawes reminded BCA members to read and sign the oath for the hearings, if they haven't already done so.

Minutes from the August 24, 2022 meeting were approved as corrected on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member T. Lauzon. **Motion carries.**

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

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

Chair Gustin administered the oath to representatives for the appellant, John and Tom Donahue. Mr. J. Donahue noted the property passed from his mother, Beatrice, to his brother, William. Upon William's death, Jr. J. Donahue was named administrator of the estate.

Misters Donahue introduced photographs of the interior of the building, and said the property is unlivable. Nobody has lived in the home for at least 10 years, and there is water damage from frozen pipes. They are currently trying to sell the property, but it needs to tie into the City's sewer system, as it currently has a non-functioning septic system, which is no longer allowed in the City.

Janet Shatney said she was appointed acting interim assessor for administrative purposes. Ms. Shatney said she chose to deny the grievance request as she doesn't have the expertise to inspect the home and make an assessment. She provided copies of the assessor card, which shows the current assessment of \$112,370, and the lot size is 0.96 acres.

The Board was offered the opportunity to ask questions of the interim assessor and appellants.

Chair Gustin closed the hearing and named the inspection team of Board Members Anthony, Stockwell, and Argenti. Board Member Anthony will take the lead for the team and will contact Mr. T. Donahue to schedule the inspection.

The hearing was recessed until October 26, 2022, when the inspection team will report.

The meeting was recessed at 6:27 PM until October 26, 2022 on motion of Board Member Toborg, seconded by Board Member Perreault. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S Dawes
Clerk of the Board