

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

Held on October 7, 2026
Council Chambers, City Hall
Barre, Vermont

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) meeting was called to order by BCA Chair Carol Dawes at 6:05 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall, Barre, Vermont. Board Members present: Peter Anthony (JP), Chrysta Murray (JP), Patti Bisson (JP), Michael Boutin (JP), Carol Dawes (JP), Amanda Gustin (JP/Councilor)(7:15pm), Tom Kelly (JP), Sonya Spaulding (JP/Councilor), Tabitha Tant (JP), Tess Taylor (JP), Beth Hilgartner (Councilor), Sharon Toborg (JP) Cheryl Metivier (City Clerk), Assessor Larry Martin, Assessor Carly Martin, Contracted Assessor Matt Krajeski (New England Municipal Consultants, Ltd).

Approve minutes of the September 9, 2026, meeting (to be ratified at next meeting)

Assessment Appeal Hearings;

Hearing 2026-08-Mark Patterson w/ spokesperson David Morris (Start time 6:05pm)

Appellant was sworn in;

Each side was given 3-5 minutes to prove and rebut their case.

BCA was able to ask questions of both parties

Timeline extended beyond limitations with apologies by the Chair the process will be timelier.

A motion to close the hearing was moved by Sonya Spaulding, seconded by Sharon Toborg, approved.

Hearing closed time; 6:48

(3) BCA members were chosen as an inspection team, Patti Bisson (lead), Chrysta Murray and Tom Kelly have 30 days to conduct an inspection and report back for deliberations scheduled for November 4th, 2026.

Hearing 2026-09-Cynthia Masi-Neuenfeldt (Start time 6:51pm)

Appellant was sworn in.

Each side was given 3-5 minutes to prove and rebut their case.

BCA was able to ask questions of both parties

A motion to close the hearing was moved by Patti Bisson, seconded by Sharon Toborg, approved.

Hearing closed time; 7:15

(3) BCA members were chosen as an inspection team, Sharon Toborg (lead), Michael Boutin and Tess Taylor has 30 days to conduct an inspection and report back for deliberations scheduled for November 4th, 2026.

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Hearing 2026-10 – Jonathan & Amanda Pierce (No representation) (Start time 7:18pm)

The assessor team reviewed the specifics for the property.

A motion to close the hearing was moved by Beth Hilgartner, seconded by Chrysta Murray, approved.

Hearing closed time; 7:29

(3) BCA members were chosen as an inspection team, Sonya Spaulding, Beth Hilgartner (lead), Chrysta Murray and has 30 days to conduct an inspection and report back for deliberation scheduled for November 4th, 2026.

Hearing 2026-11-Fisher, Brent & Blondin, Wanda (Start time 7:31pm)

Appellant was sworn in.

Each side was given 3-5 minutes to prove and rebut their case.

BCA was able to ask questions of both parties

A motion to close the hearing was moved by Tom Kelly, seconded by Beth Hilgartner, approved.

Hearing closed time; 7:42

(3) BCA members were chosen as an inspection team, Tess Taylor, Tabitha Tant and Amanda Gustin(lead) has 30 days to conduct an inspection and report back for deliberations scheduled for November 4, 2026. (Assessors will also be present)

Hearing 2026-12-Christopher (Martin) & Linda Prevost-withdrew

Hearing 2026-13-Suzann Martin-Strock (Start time 7:44pm)

Appellant was sworn in.

Each side was given 3-5 minutes to prove and rebut their case.

BCA was able to ask questions of both parties

A motion to close the hearing was moved by Amanda Gustin, seconded by Sharon Toborg, approved.

Hearing closed time; 8:02

(3) BCA members were chosen as an inspection team, Michael Boutin, Sharon Toborg and Peter Anthony (lead) has 30 days to conduct an inspection and report back for deliberation scheduled for November 4, 2026.

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Chair Carol Dawes asked for a motion to recess the meeting.

Hearing 2026-14-Christine Colombe (Start time 8:06pm)

Appellant was sworn in.

Each side was given 3-5 minutes to prove and rebut their case.

BCA was able to ask questions of both parties

A motion to close the hearing was moved by Patti Bisson, seconded by Amanda Gustin, approved.

Hearing closed time; 8:24

(3) BCA members were chosen as an inspection team, Patti Bisson (lead), Tabitha Tant, and Amanda Gustin has 30 days to conduct an inspection and report back for deliberation scheduled for November 4, 2026. (Assessors were invited to join)

A motion to moved to recess was made by Beth Hilgartner, seconded by Tess Taylor, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, Clerk of the Board