

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021 at 5:30pm
MINUTES**

Called to order at 5:33pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Selectboard – Tom Fitzgerald (also as JOP), Vince Rice, Tony Tribuno, Sarah Fisher, and John Gannon; Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Rhea Clark, and Linda Green; Town Clerk - Therese Lounsbury. Absent: Tom Consolino, and Fred Houston.

FOR THE LISTERS: Jerry Osler, Deb Kingsley, and Brian DeCesare

FOR THE APPELLANTS: Colleen Palmiter, Rob Wheeler, Linda Holland, Dan Coelho

1. CALLED TO ORDER - Chair Elizabeth McEwen gave a brief explanation of the quasi-judicial hearing process and information was shared on how to participate in the virtual meeting. The Board introduced themselves.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – None.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE minutes of January 20, 2021 made by Tony Tribuno, seconded by Vince Rice. Motion carried with two abstentions.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Sarah Fisher recused herself from the Palmiter hearing.

5. OATHS were administered to appellants, witnesses, and agents; and the Board was reminded of their oath. Brad Palmiter sworn in at 6:29pm.

6. TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS were heard for the following:

Property Owner	Street Address	Tax ID#	Span#	Value	Hearing Time
North Branch Fire District	VT Route 100 N	00301004.400	762-242-13696	\$106,050	5:40pm
Rob Wheeler	Postponed for lister revision				5:56pm
Daniel Coelho	97 Haskell Hill Rd	00204002.000	762-242-12999	\$283,690	6:06pm
Colleen & Brad Palmiter	265 Old Mill Lane	00901048.000	762-242-12510	\$897,830	6:11pm
Colleen & Brad Palmiter	288 Old Mill Lane	00901053.000	762-242-10025	\$298,690	

In lieu of COVID restrictions for on-site inspections, the Town Clerk will share invites to each appellant to upload photos or video to DropBox. Photos should represent each room of the home interior and exterior as if listing the house on a service. Photos are to be placed within 7 days of receipt of the link. BCA members will do a drive-by of each property.

Committees were established as follows, first name is lead writer:

Coelho – Therese; *North Branch* – Sarah, Tony, Vince; *Palmiter* – Tom, Vince, Linda.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS – The Tryjankowski inspection report was read by John, the Flynn report was read by John.

8. OTHER BUSINESS – discussion entailed for how best to present the Haystack Highlands units. Each unit must be heard individually, the agent for the appellants, John Redd, has provided a logical order of the units by size and phase. Also discussed the need for documents and photos to the Board 48 hours prior to the hearing. The next round of hearings and schedules was discussed, and it was agreed to hear tonight's postponement on February 1, John Redd and first 3 sections of Haystack Highlands on February 3, deliberative session only on February 10, Schlatka & Macey on February 17, and the last sections of Haystack Highlands on February 24.

9. DELIBERATIVE SESSION – Motion to enter deliberative session was made by Vince Rice and seconded by Rhea Clark. Motion carried. The Board entered deliberative session at 7:14pm. The Board returned to regular session at 7:36pm.

Motion made to withdraw the Flynn appeal as the appellant did not facilitate the inspection with electronic means, so the appeal is deemed withdrawn. Motion made by John Gannon, seconded by Vince Rice. Motion carried with one abstention.

COMMITTEE DUE DATES:

- Lane (Tom, Tony, Eliz) – preparing decision – all of Board review
- Flynn (John, Elizabeth, Linda) – written decision due February 10
- Frost (Sarah, Elizabeth, Therese) – written decision due February 3
- Manning (Linda, Elizabeth, Therese) – written decision due February 10
- Tryjankowski (John, Elizabeth, Sarah) – written decision due February 10
- Cavaliere (Tom, Vince, Rhea) – inspection report due February 3
- Mincarelli (Tony, Linda, Elizabeth) – inspection report due February 3
- North Branch (Sarah, Tony, Vince) – inspection report due February 10
- Palmiter (Tom, Vince, Linda) – inspection report due February 10

The Board recessed at 7:51pm, until its next meeting on February 1, 2021.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL ACTION TAKEN AT THE BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2021.

ATTEST: _____
Therese M. Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE INDICATION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2021.

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