

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021, at 4:00pm
MINUTES**

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 7 members present in the Town Hall. Selectboard – Tony Tribuno, John Gannon; Justices of the Peace – Rhea Clark, Patti Long, Elizabeth McEwen, and Fred Houston; Town Clerk - Therese Lounsbury. Absent: Sarah Fisher, John Lebron, Vince Rice, Linda Green, and Tom Fitzgerald.

FOR THE APPELLANTS: Roseann Kellaher appeared via conference call, and Ginny Read was in the gallery.

FOR THE LISTERS: None

1. CALLED TO ORDER - Chair Elizabeth McEwen called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA – None.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL – Motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021, as written. Motion made by John, seconded by Rhea. Motion carried with one abstention – Tony.

4. KELLAHER INSPECTION REPORT – report read by Tony Tribuno for inspection of land only on Old Town Road on July 27, 2021, by Elizabeth McEwen, Linda Green, and Tony Tribuno.

5. CAPLAN INSPECTION REPORT - report read by Tony Tribuno for inspection of land only on Brown Road on July 27, 2021, by Elizabeth McEwen, Linda Green, and Tony Tribuno.

6. BARLOW INSPECTION REPORT – report read by Tony Tribuno for inspection of land only on Boyd Hill Road by Elizabeth McEwen, Linda Green, and Tony Tribuno.

Board was reminded of due dates for written decisions, and to send inspection reports and completed decision templates to Therese.

7. BOARD ENTERED DELIBERATIVE SESSION AT 4:12PM, returned to Open Session at 4:45pm.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

Board requested receiving a list of who appeals beyond the BCA, and to share the decisions and opinions for appealing.

Board must remember to re-calculate based on the CLA value. Currently at 100%

Requested that all meetings be recorded and that the Board be notified of how to access. Therese shared that it is the practice to record, and that recordings are available to the Board.

Board asked if appellants can be directed to get their own appraisal. Therese shared that the procedures and info sheet about appeals are shared with appellants. Therese will review statute to see what is available for helping to instruct appellants on the evidence they should submit. Question was asked if the BCA Handbook could be shared?

John Gannon suggested writing a letter to the Selectboard about the lack of evidence provided by the Listers for 2020 and 2021 appeals. Listers were unable to explain land schedules and how the evaluation program works. The Listers are not getting commercial appraisals. Need to explain ProVal software and how it works. Motion to draft a letter to the Selectboard about the inability of the Listers to present evidence and values for BCA Appeals. Motion made by John Gannon and seconded by Fred Houston. Motion carried. Chair Elizabeth McEwen will draft the letter.

The Board will need to meet, in the near future, about the districting changes forthcoming after the census info drops. There are 90 days after the census info is presented to place recommendations for the Senate seat. Wilmington is currently in the Bennington County seat, and would like to present a proposal to be a part of the Windham Senate seat.

9. THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE 2021 TAX APPEAL HEARINGS at 5:15pm.

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 AUGUST 12, 2021.

ATTEST:

Therese M. Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2021

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