

Board of Civil Authority
Bennington, VT

Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016

Members Present: Cassie Barbeau, James Marsden, Mary Morrissey, John Santarcangelo, David Shaffe, Kayla Thompson.

Also Present: John Antognioni, Chief Assessor

**Purpose of meeting: Discuss August State Primary and hear assessment grievances.

**Meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Board Chair, David Shaffe.

**Mary requested a moment of silence for recently passed Board member John Behan.

**Cassie had some general points of interest regarding the upcoming August Primary, how the new voter checklist will look and making arrangements to test the voting machines.

**Mary Morrissey made the motion to have Michele Hogan be presiding officer of the North Bennington polling place, seconded by James Marsden, motion passed unanimously.

**Mary Morrissey made the motion to have the polling hours be 7:00 Am to 7:00 PM, seconded by James Marsden, motion passed unanimously.

**With no further election discussion, Board Chair David Shaffe provided the Oath for tax appeals to Board members and Assessor both verbally and circulated for signatures for the minutes.

**Appeal #1, Sunjit Chawla, 33 Mechanic Street, 15-50-22-00

No appellant was present, Cassie read the letter submitted as testimony on behalf of the appellant. Comps were also provided with the original letter.

John Antognioni testified this is a 1900 average quality build, 2300 square foot duplex, apartments are mirror images, .17 acre. From 2005-2016 the assessment was \$156,900. Inspection was made in May 2016 following a March 2016 purchase price of \$25,000. This was a primary residence months prior to the sale. After the May inspection the assessment was reduced to \$74,800. John reviewed the comps by Sunjit:

1. 206 Main Street, foreclose sale in March 2016 for \$25,000, assessed at \$144,100.
2. 205 Bradford Street, foreclose sale in November 2015 for \$28,000, assessed at \$60,500
3. 242 Bradford Street, foreclose sale in July 214 for \$10,000, assessed at \$61,400
4. 124 Beech Street, foreclose sale August 2014 for \$30,000, assessed at \$92,800
5. 263 Union Street, foreclose sale July 2014 for \$35,000, assessed at \$70,400

**Appeal #2, Sunjit Chawla, 119 Grandview Street, 56-51-57-00

No appellant was present, Cassie read the letter submitted as testimony on behalf of the appellant. Comps were also provided with the original letter.

John Antognioni testified this is a 1900 Average quality, 2142 square foot three-unit on .16 acres. From 2006-2016 it was assessed at \$180,200 and in February 2016 this foreclosure property was purchased

for \$30,000. The new assessment during listers grievance was \$76,900. John reviewed the comps by Sunjit:

1. 225 Depot Street, foreclose sale in November 2014 for \$33,000, after work was done by the buyer the new assessment is now \$136,800
2. 11 Water Street, fire damaged in November 2013, sold in September 2015 for \$7,000, work is currently ongoing and the current assessment is \$44,900

**Cassie assigned Jim Marsden, John Santarcangelo and Kayla Thompson as the inspection committee.

**With no further business, Mary Morrissey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Cassie Barbeau, motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassandra Barbeau