

Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019 6 p.m.

Members Present: Heather Chase, Amie O'Brien, Kathy Pellett, Ruth Douglas, Robert Crawford, Russell Monier, A. Lee Gustafson, Deborah Aldrich, Arne Jonynas, Wanda Purdy

Public Present: Fred Greenwell, Sue Ellen Strange

Chairperson Heather Chase called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was cited. Chairperson Chase asked if there had been any conflicts of interest or ex parte communication. There was none. She reopened the meeting from July 23, 2019 to go over the inspection report of Fred Greenwell's property located at 60 Colburn Road that the committee, Lee Gustafson, Russell Monier and Kathy Pellett, submitted. Lee Gustafson explained the report and the observations that the committee made while visiting Mr. Greenwell's property. Lee Gustafson explained that the interior of the house was a basement, first floor, and attic that could possibly be separated into living space in the future. He explained that the first floor was unfinished drywall, the fireplace was old brick construction and that the opening had been foamed over, and the fireplace in the basement was stone. Lee Gustafson stated that both chimneys were in place, but he was unsure if they could ever be operational. Outside the house is stone veneer and portions of the building are unfinished wood, and the roof is slate and metal. The surrounding area includes fields with Route 103, the Williams River is close, and the house sits on a small rise. Behind the house is a marshy area and beyond that was the railroad tracks and then trees. After Lee finished explaining the report, Chairperson Chase asked if there were any questions from the Board. Russell Monier asked why the properties surrounding Mr. Greenwell's were set at .5% and his is set at .7%. Wanda Purdy explained that Mr. Greenwell has more land than the abutting properties raising the percentage. Ruth Douglas asked how many acres Mr. Greenwell has, and Wanda stated 100 acres. Chairperson Chase asked if there were any other questions from the board and then asked Mr. Greenwell if he had any questions. Mr. Greenwell stated that NEMRC had been by his property and explained a lot of his questions from the past year. Chairperson Chase stated that we could not address that matter at this time. Mr. Greenwell had nothing else to add. Chairperson Chase asked Wanda Purdy if she had anything else to add, and she did not. The Board went into deliberative session and Mr. Greenwell, Ms. Strange, and Mrs. Purdy left the meeting. Lee Gustafson made a motion to come out of deliberative session and was seconded by Arne Jonynas.

The meeting was opened back up after deliberative session to discuss other business. Deborah Aldrich and Amie O'Brien explained to the Board that the BCA will have to meet back up at some point to purge the checklist. A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Pellett and seconded by Lee Gustafson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

A true record.

Amie O'Brien
Assistant Town Clerk