

Board of Civil Authority Hearing
Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 1:00 pm
Akeley Memorial Hall

The Board of Civil Authority for the Town of Stowe met for the purpose of hearing tax appeal of the Listers assessments.

BCA Members present were: Leighton Detora, Liz Lackey, Mary Black, Jan Reynolds, Arnold Ziegel, Marina Meerburg, Charles Lusk and Penny Davis

Also present were: Tim Morrissey and Paul Percy

Leighton Detora called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Tax Appeal Hearing – The Argentine Tango Society (Parcel #30067)

Leighton reviewed the process for the meeting that we were re-convened to take comments on the inspection Report, from the appellants, the Listers and from the Board.

Leighton stated that all board members, Counsel for the taxpayer and the Listers received a copy of the inspection report prior to the meeting. Leighton deemed it unnecessary for the Board to present the inspection report as everyone had already received it. Hearing no objections, we moved to final comments by the appellant. There was nobody attending the meeting representing the appellant or the appellant themselves.

Leighton then invited comments from the Listers. Tim Morrissey, the town appraiser, stated that he agreed with everything said in the inspection report. The one concern he has is that the inspection committee was not allowed into the main house to see what the use of the property was at the time. Paul Percy also stated that he has been up there many times, and everything has been locked up and you can't get up the road.

The Board members were able to ask questions.

Arnold Ziegel wanted clarification as to which house the committee did not have access to. It was the structure on the property that the was being appealed and not private residence on the other side of Weeks Hill Road.

Mary Black stated that she was part of the inspection committee and that Mr. Fish stated that he didn't have access to that building. Other members of the inspection committee stated that they were also there and concurred with Mary and that everything was in the report.

Leighton Detora had a question he was hoping to ask the appellant but since no one was present he asked Tim Morrissey. He wanted to know if anything has changed on the property since the request for tax exemption was made. Tim stated that he has not been to the property and therefore is not aware of anything.

Being that there were no more questions regarding the inspection report, the hearing ended. The motion was made by Mary Black, seconded by Marina Meerbug with all in favor to go into executive session.

The board came out of executive session. The motion was made by Arnold Ziegel, seconded by Mary Black with all in favor to deny the taxpayers/appellants' request for exemption.

Review/Approve Minutes

Charles Lusk questioned a section of the minutes that may not have been clear. After much discussion it was decided no change was needed.

The motion was made by Charles Lusk and seconded by Liz Lackey with all in favor to approve the minutes of July 10, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny A. Davis