



Board of Civil Authority

Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Library Community Meeting Room (39 Bombardier Road)

MINUTES

BCA Members Present: Kristin Beers, Clerk; Kevin Endres, JP; Denise Hughes, JP; Jon Hughes, Chair; Tom Hughes, JP

BCA Members Not Present: Darren Adams, Selectboard Member; Charles Barsalow, JP; Marty Branch, JP; Steve Burke, JP; Christopher Mattos, JP; Amy Maxfield, JP; Dana Maxfield, JP; Leland Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Michael Morgan, JP & Selectboard Member; Wendell Noble, JP; Brenda Steady, Vice Chair & Selectboard Member; Chris Taylor, Selectboard Member; Chuck Wilton, JP

Others Present: Murray Thompson

1. The BCA meeting was called to order by Jon Hughes at 6:02 p.m.
2. Flag Salute - Jon led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Forum – none
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a) Denise Hughes made a motion to approve the BCA minutes for the August 21, 2023 meeting, with a second by Tom Hughes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Tax Assessment Appeal Hearing:

Thompson-Smith Family Trust, 0 Middle Rd, parcel ID # 204005.002000

Jon Hughes reopened the hearing of the Thompson-Smith Family Trust at 6:04 p.m. and invited the inspection committee to present its report.

The inspection committee included Jon Hughes, Denise Hughes, Tom Hughes and Chuck Wilton. An inspection of the property at 0 Middle Road was made on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

Committee member Tom Hughes read the Inspection Committee Report. The property is listed as 3.5 acres and confirmed to be predominantly wetlands and swampy, with some grassy areas and no apparent paths or roads to access the property. One must go through surrounding property owners' land to gain access.

The inspection committee reported the highest and best use of the property was difficult to determine as it was largely wetland/swamp and not easy to access. The condition of the property was as indicated in the assessor's report.

BCA members had no questions.

Jon Hughes invited final comments from Mr. Thompson. He had nothing to add to his testimony from the initial hearing.

The Assessor was not in attendance to make any final comments.

At 6:08 p.m., Tom Hughes made a motion to close the hearing and enter deliberative session. Kevin Endres seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The board returned from deliberative session in full agreement to lower the value of the land-locked wetland to \$500.00.

6. Other business - none

7. Adjournment:

At 6:45 pm Kevin Endres made a motion to adjourn. Tom Hughes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Beers*

APPROVED MINUTES:

Date: _____

Jon Hughes, Chair

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