

TOWN OF BARRE
TAX GRIEVANCE HEARING
July 30, 2009

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AGENDA

(This meeting is being audio taped.)

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Administer Oath to Board Members:
I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly hear and determine all matters at issue between taxpayers and Assessor submitted for my decision. So help me God (or under the pains and penalties of perjury).
3. Review the Code of Conduct Rules and set meeting schedule to hear evidence from the Assessor and Appellant.
4. Other Business:
5. Recess the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pearl Bugbee called the Tax Grievance Hearing meeting to order on this 30th a day of July 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

ROLE CALL

The following members were present: Chair Pearl Bugbee, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Paul Badger, Gordon Booth, William Bugbee, Artie Charbonneau, Jeffrey Gagne, Sheila Walther, Robert Harvey, Caroline Pellon, and W. John "Jack" Mitchell.

Others in attendance included: Town Management Intern Kelly Houston and Rock of Ages representative Don Murray.

The Town Clerk-Treasurer noted the Assessor sends his apology as he will not be present at the meeting tonight due to a family commitment.

NOTICE OF RECORD

Barre Town Residents - Pursuant to the provision of 32 V.S.A, section 4404 (b) notice was duly given that the Board of Civil Authority (B.C.A.) within and for the Town of Barre, Vermont is meeting this 30th July 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room, in Lower Websterville to hear grievances of persons, or other parties who are aggrieved by the action of the Assessor's Grievance process and have timely filed their written grievances with the Town Clerk. Hearings will continue as scheduled by the BCA, with appellants until all aggrieved parties are heard.

BCA OATH

The BCA was administered their oath. The Chair reminded the Board members and those present the tax grievance hearings are being audio taped. Please speak clearly and identify yourself prior to speaking.

REVIEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Those present received a copy of the Code of Conduct Policy for review. There were no comments or changes recommended.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Charbonneau, the Board of Civil Authority voted unanimously to adopt Code of Conduct Policy as presented.

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SETTING THE MEETING SCHEDULE

The BCA will meet on Thursday, September 17, 2009 and Thursday, September 24, 2009 and receive evidence. The consensus of the Board is to wait until September for continued hearings to accommodate summer vacations and the Labor Day interruptions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rock of Ages representative Don Murray stated his company is awaiting a reappraisal report on their properties under appeal. He anticipates it will be here by mid September and would like to request Rock of Ages appeal be heard on September 24, 2009.

The Town Clerk-Treasurer stated notification letters will be sent to appellants as to their respective hearing dates and times. There are six appeals including Rock of Ages. It is anticipated five appeals will be heard on September 17th and Rock of Ages on September 24th.

RECESS THE MEETING

On a motion by Booth, seconded by William Bugbee, the Tax Grievance Hearing was recessed at 6:37 p.m. and will reconvene on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

B.C.A. Chair

BARRE TOWN BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES