

Town of Fair Haven
Board of Civil Authority
Minutes
August 26, 2024

Members Present: Glen Traverse- Chair, Michael Doran Jr-Vice Chair Danielle Roberts-Clerk, John (Jack) Adams, Sharon Adams, Lorraine Brown, Judy Gevry, Cindy Adams, John (Tracy) Adams, Richard Greenough.

Others Present: None.

Called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the August 5, 2024 meeting: Tracy Adams made a motion to accept them minutes with the correction that Cindy Adams was in attendance at that meeting. Mike Doran seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Report of the Inspection committee: Dani Roberts read the report.

The Chair asked for questions. He asked about water/sewer hookup. Rich said the committee had seen valves but couldn't determine what was there. Discussion ensued about the access to the town water system.

Tracy Adams said he felt that the assessment should remain at the previous value as the land had not changed. Dani Roberts stated that when the appellant recorded a deed which changed four small lots into two larger lots and receiving a zoning permit for a subdivision it became a different piece of property and should be valued as such.

Lister Sharon Adams told the BCA that the increase was not made taking into account water/sewer access but was made to reflect the 2 building lots that were created. Mike Doran pointed out that the town only owns to the curb stop in all instances.

There were no more questions.

Deliberation: Mike Doran said he wanted to see it stay at the current appraised value. Lorraine asked about the possibility of well and Septic on the lots. Rich said that wasn't a possibility.

Tracy Adams made a motion to return to the original value of \$37,900.00 as there is an inability to divide the lot as proposed now, second by Rich Greenough noting that if the value stayed here now, they could put in homes later. The questioned was called, those in favor: Tracy Adams, Cindy Adams, Lorraine Brown, Richard Greenough. Those opposed Dani Roberts, Mike Doran, Judy Gevry, Sharon Adams, Jack Adams. Motion failed.

Mike Doran made a motion to keep the assessed value at \$53,900.00, seconded by Sharon Adams. The question was called, those in favor: Mike Doran, Judy Gevry, Sharn Adams, Jack Adams, Dani Roberts. Those opposed: Rich Greenough, Tracy Adams, Cindy Adams, Lorraine Brown, motion carried.

Motion was made to move out of deliberative session.

Chair Glen Traverse will write the decision, noting that the board had 15 days to get it mailed out to the appellant.