

Board of Civil Authority  
Bennington, VT

Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023

Members Present: Jerry Albert, Cassie Barbeau, Barbara Bluto, Will Greer, Tom Haley, Jackie Kelly, Albert Krawczyk, Vickie Lampron, Bruce Lee-Clark, Anne Mook, Mary Morrissey, David Shaffe and Kayla Thompson

\*\*Purpose of Meeting: To hear committee report of inspection

\*\*Meeting called to order by Board Chair, David Shaffe, at 4:30 PM

\*\*Cassie reminded board members, if they were not present at the initial meeting to hear the testimony, they must abstain from voting on the results.

\*\*Historic Norton House LP, 50-54-77-00, 300 Pleasant Street

Tom Haley read the committee's report on the condition of the property, and they recommend the appeal be denied. There was general discussion regarding the relationship between Shires Housing and the Coalition for the Homeless and the not-for-profit status. There is a breakdown in taxation statutes and how these properties are assessed. The Board has no control over Vermont statutes and the consensus was that, while unfortunate, the assessment must stand based on the methods that the Assessor had researched.

\*\*Tom Haley made the motion to accept the committee recommendation, seconded by Jackie Kelly, motion passed by majority, with abstentions.

\*\*With no further business, Albert Krawczyk made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Morrissey, motion passed unanimously, and meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Barbeau  
Bennington Town Clerk