

**Town of Westfield
Board of Civil Authority Minutes
Tax Appeal Hearing for Alpine Haven Holdings, Inc.
August 28, 2017 – 6 p.m. – Town Offices**

Present were: Jacques Couture (BCA Chair & Selectboard); Yves Daigle (Selectboard); Mike Piper (JP); Yvan LaPlume (JP); Joyce Crawford (JP); Pat Sagui (JP); and LaDonna Dunn (Town Clerk); Scott Dunn (Lister); Danny Young (Lister); and Peter Fina (Representative for Appellant)

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order:** Chair Couture called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- 2. Changes to the Agenda:** Added Discuss Abatement of Taxes as 5A.
- 3. Approve Minutes of the 7/24/17 Meeting:** Following the reading of the minutes by the Clerk, there was a motion by Pat and second by Mike to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously with no changes to the minutes.
- 4. Reconvene the Tax Appeal Hearing of Alpine Haven Holdings, Inc.:**
 - A. Oaths for Listers and Appellant:** The Clerk administered the oath and all parties signed a written oath. The Clerk stated the meeting was being audio recorded.
 - B. Review the Inspection Committees Report:** Chair Couture gave all parties a few minutes to review the Inspection Committees Report from the August 15, 2017 site visit. There was a motion by Mike and second by Joyce to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously. Unfortunately, due to the recent fire occurring just prior to the site visit, the interior inspections of the condo units could not happen.
 - C. View Online Virtual Tours from Peter Fina-due to the condo complex fire 8/3/17, the Inspection Committee was not able to view the interiors of the condo units:** Peter Fina explained the virtual tours were available as a real estate sales tool but due to the fire it was decided to use the virtual tour as a way to view the inside of the units. BCA members split into groups to view the eleven virtual tours on three different computers.
 - D. Hear Additional Testimony/questions:** Peter Fina offered additional testimony which included upgraded condo comparisons.
 - E. Motion to Close the Public Hearing:** There was a motion by Mike and second by Yves to close the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Yves Daigle had to leave the hearing before the deliberative session began.
 - F. Deliberative Session (not open to the public):** The Board entered deliberative session.
 - G. BCA Decision:** Upon exiting the deliberative session there was a motion by Anne and second by Yvan to support the Listers decision upholding the assessed value of \$984,800. The motion passed unanimously. The Board felt the Listers used a logical and fair methodology to determine the grieved value including a five percent discount. The Notice of Decision will be drafted by the Clerk and Chair and emailed for Board approval.

5. Conduct any Other Business of the Board:

A. Abatement of Taxes: The Clerk said she has been contacted by one of the owners of the burned condo units to ask about abatement of taxes. It was decided the Clerk will contact the other condo owners and explain this process and if they are interested in abatement have one hearing for all parties owning units in the condo building that burned down in Alpine Haven.

6. Motion to Adjourn: Following a motion by Pat and second by Mike all were in agreement to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Westfield Board of Civil Authority Approval:

Date: 9/9/19. with 0 changes

Jacques Couture
Jacques Couture, BCA Chair, Selectboard

Joyce Crawford
Joyce Crawford, JP

Yves Daigle
Yves Daigle, Selectboard

LaDonna Dunn
LaDonna Dunn, Clerk of the Board

Anne Lazor
Anne Lazor, Selectboard & JP

Yvan LaPlume
Yvan LaPlume, JP

Mike Piper
Mike Piper, JP

absent
Pat Sagui, JP