

TOWN OF WHITINGHAM  
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY  
JACKSONVILLE, VERMONT 05342

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS – August 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on August 4, 2021 by Abigail Corse agreeable to the warning. The following members were present: Elizabeth McKinley, Terry Morse, Dana Homer, Susan Johnson, Scott Reed, James Weber, and Clerk Almira Aekus.

**APPELLANT:** Great River Hydro, LLC  
**PARCEL NO.:** 01-0001-02  
**SPAN NO:** 753-239-11256

**Attendance:** Assessor, Nate Stoddard from NEMRC – New England Municipal Resource Center

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and had the BCA members, Mr. Stoddard introduce themselves.

Pursuant to 12 V.S.A Section 5810, the oath was given to Nate Stoddard.

The chair asked BCA members to disclose any conflict of interest and or ex parte communication. There were none.

**Assessors/Listers:** Nate Stoddard introduced parcel number 01-0001-02, owner Great River Hydro LLC, consisting of a generation and flowed land with an assessed value for the property of \$58,107,900. The valuation is based on the state recommendation for assessment. He provided the BCA members and appellant (Exhibit A) consisting of the property record card, copies of “Vermont tax inventory to be filed with the listers or assessors on or before April 20<sup>th</sup> of each year for the tax years 2019, 2020, and 2021.

**Appellant:** Was not present and asked that their letter dated July 8, 2021 be used in replacement of any BCA hearing appearance by the company.

**Assessor/Lister Clerk Response:** None

**BCA Questions:** None

An inspection committee was set and included James Weber, Abigail Corse, Dana Homer, Julie Muller, and Almira Aekus. Ms. Aekus will contact Great River Hydro, LLC to setup an inspection of the property and contact the inspection committee members. A date was not set to reconvene as there was not a set inspection date.

Due to the nature of the property, an inspection had to be set up on August 20<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately, most of the original members could not attend the inspection. The inspection

committee ended up being Terry Morse, Susan Johnson, and Almira Aekus.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Abigail Corse, Susan Cooke Johnson, Elizabeth McKinley, Terry Morse, and Almira Aekus.

Almira Aekus read the inspection committee's report for Great River Hydro, LLC (Exhibit C).

Questions from the BCA: None

Questions from appellant: Appellant not present

Final Comment from the assessor and/or lister clerk: None

Ms. Corse closed the hearing for Great River Hydro, LLC at 6:45p.m.

**DECISION:**

**Great River Hydro, LLC**

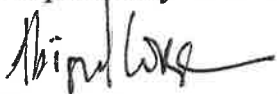
At 6:45 p.m. A motion was made by Elizabeth McKinley seconded by Abigail Corse in regards to the appeal of Great River Hydro LLC the board voted to concur with the assessors and leave the value at \$58,107,900. All were in favor.

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Susan Johnson, seconded by Almira Aekus to adjourn.

All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Abigail Corse, Chair  
Board of Civil Authority



Almira L. Aekus, Clerk  
Board of Civil Authority