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TOWN OF MONTGOMERY BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY-RECONVENED HEARING APPEAL OF RESULT OF LISTER GRIEVANCE

Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road) Monday, October 2nd 2017, 6:00pm Unapproved

BCA Members: Charlie Hancock, Tosca Smith, Laurie 'Sam' Murphy, Mark Brouillette (arrived at 6:17)

Visitors: Merle Van Giesen

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

- 1. **Approval of minutes from August 21st Hearing**. Tosca motioned to approved the minutes of the 21st as written, seconded by Sam and passed unanimously.
- 2. **Review of Inspection Committee Report**. Board members reviewed and discussed the inspection report. Tosca noted that during the inspection conducted by Patricia Hathaway and herself that Mrs. Van Giesen was indeed present to show them the inside of the house in addition to the outside inspection. Charlie gave Merle the option to make a statement before the board made their decision, Merle stated he did not have any further commentary. The board thanked Merle to for attending and he exited the meeting at 6:19 pm.
- 3. **Deliberative Session of the Board**. Tosca motioned to enter into deliberative session to discuss the boards final decision, seconded by Sam, and passed unanimously. Discussion took place.
- 4. **Decision of the Board**. Tosca motioned to exit deliberative session, seconded by Sam, and passed unanimously. Tosca motioned to uphold the appellant's first request to degrade the Farm Equipment and Tool shed from 50% Good to 40% Good, the combined valued reduction being \$1520; and for the second appellant request for a reduction in value for the difference in calculation, 16 square feet between the Board of Listers' measurements and the appellant evidence of interior dimensions, the board declined to rule based on the grounds that it is not in the BCA's jurisdiction to rule on the method by which the Board of Listers come by their measurements; however the board recommends that the Listers provide more public outreach on their method of measuring to the nearest half foot to

ensure no future confusion occurs, this motion was seconded by Sam and passed 4-0.

Tosca motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Sam, and the board adjourned at 6:28 pm

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Reighley