

Town of Shaftsbury
Board of Civil Authority Meeting/Appeals Hearing
July 29, 2026
Town Hall 677 VT Route 7A

Members present: Marna Whitman Dailey, Chair; Karen Mellinger, Vice-Chair; Mike Caslin; Abby Chaloux; Eamon Mulligan; David Mance; Zoe Contros Kearn; Ann Mele; Joseph Coonradt; Joan Vargo; Linda Morris; Kate Seaton (arrived at 6:15); and Marlene Hall, Town Clerk

Others present: Nate Stoddard, Assessor; Gina Jenks, Assessor's Clerk; Sunjit Chawla, Appellant (via zoom); Katelyn Cushman, Appellant; James and Patricia Serrao, Appellant; Robert Cornwell, Appellant; Alice Sausville, Appellant; Leon Johnson, Appellant

Ms. Hall called meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and asked for nominations for a board chair. Ms. Mellinger nominated Marna Whitman Dailey, Mr. Coonradt seconded the nomination. With no other nominations presented, vote was taken and nomination passed 12-0-0.

Ms. Dailey then asked for nominations for a board vice-chair. Mr. Caslin nominated Karen Mellinger, Mr. Mance seconded the nomination. With no other nominations presented, vote was taken and nomination passed 12-0-0.

With the board reorganization portion complete, the meeting moved into the hearing portion of the evening.

All members of the BCA present took and signed the BCA oath before hearing appeals.

Ms. Dailey gave the oath to Mr. Stoddard and Ms. Jenks.

Appellant Chawla:

Sunjit Chawla was given the oath before presenting evidence.

(Owner of Record: White Rhino, Inc) 6779 VT Route 7A | Parcel #030102

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Chowla and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Stoddard and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Appellant Cushman:

Katelyn Cushman was given the oath before presenting evidence.

365 Cleveland Ave | Parcel #172012

Ms. Chaloux and Mr. Mulligan recused themselves from this portion of the hearing.

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Ms. Cushman and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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Appellant Serrao:

James and Patricia Serrao were given the oath before presenting evidence.

1077 Town Line Rd

Parcel #180137.1

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Mr. and Ms. Serrao and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Stoddard and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Appellant VTel:

No representative was present.

1576 Buck Hill Rd | Parcel #180148.999

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Stoddard and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Because of Act 145 in 2024, 32V.S.A 3602b - the state alone values personal property.

Because of this statute, Mr. Mance made the motion to deny the appeal, Ms. Chaloux seconded the motion.

Motion passed 13-0-0.

Appellant VTel:

No representative was present.

Parcel #000006

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Stoddard and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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Motion passed 13-0-0.

Appellant Cornwell:

Robert Cornwell was given the oath before presenting evidence.

0 Hollow Hide-A-Way | Parcel #020114

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Cornwell and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Stoddard and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Appellant Sausville:

Alice Sausville was given the oath before presenting evidence.

0 Chapel Rd | Parcel #180230

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Ms. Sausville and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

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Appellant Sausville:

Alice Sausville was given the oath before presenting evidence.

0 Chapel Rd | Parcel #180238

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Ms. Sausville and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Stoddard and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Appellant Johnson:

Leon Johnson was given the oath before presenting evidence.

33 White Creek Rd | Parcel #132216

Mr. Stoddard gave an overview of the property.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Johnson and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The board heard testimony from Mr. Stoddard and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Once all appeals were heard, the board moved into deliberative session to set up inspection committees as follows:

Chawla Property
(Owner of Record White Rhino, Inc)
Parcel #030102
Committee:
Marna Whitman Dailey
Linda Morris
Ann Mele

Serrao Property
1077 Town Line Rd
Parcel #180137.1
Committee:
Marna Whitman Dailey
Dave Mance
Mike Caslin
Ann Mele

Sausville Property
0 Chapel Rd
Parcel #180230 & 180238
Committee:
Kate Seaton
Eamon Mulligan
Dave Mance
Abby Chaloux

Cushman Property
365 Cleveland Ave
Parcel #172012
Committee:
Karen Mellinger
Mike Caslin
Joan Vargo

Cornwell Property
0 Hollow Hide-A-Way
Parcel #020114
Committee:
Abby Chaloux
Zoe Contros Kearn
Eamon Mulligan

Johnson Property
33 White Creek Rd
Parcel #132216
Committee:
Zoe Control Kearn
Joan Vargo
Kate Seaton

The board will reconvene on August 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm for deliberative session

With no other business to come before the board Ms. Mellinger made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Mance seconded the motion. Motion passed 12-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Hall, Town Clerk