# AGENDA Town of North Hero - Select Board Community Hall

### May 16, 2022 at 5:45PM

**Zoom**: Phone: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 539 515 376 Passcode: 330605

### Web Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/539515376

	Agenda Item	Start	End	Notes
1.	Call Meeting to Order	5:45 PM	5:45 PM	
2.	Adjustment of Agenda	5:45 PM	5:45 PM	
3.	Approve Bills for Payment	5:45 PM	5:50 PM	<ul> <li>May 16th Warrant for approval</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Financial Reports</li> </ul>
4.	Public Comment	5:50 PM	5:55 PM	Opportunity for public comment
5.	911 Coordinator	E.EE DN4	6:05 PM	Notification of updated 911 numbers on
<u> </u>		5:55 PM		existing homes on Lakeview Dr.
	Poquette Lane State Access Application			Authorize chair to sign application for work
6.		6:05 PM	6:10 PM	in state highway right of way for waterline
				install
7.	ARPA	6:10 PM	6:25 PM	<ul> <li>NHVFD Request for funds</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>ARPA request process</li> </ul>
8.	West Shore Survey	6:25 PM	6:30 PM	Next steps
9.	Liquor License	6:30 PM	6:35 PM	North Hero House: Pier Bar
				<ul> <li>Rosedahl Letter re Postoffice</li> </ul>
			6:45 PM	<ul> <li>VLCT: Employee Benefits</li> </ul>
10.	Correspondence	6:35 PM		<ul> <li>VMERS: Election of Employer Trustee</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Notice of PVR Appeal Hearing</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Tarrant Gillies &amp; Shems Rate increase</li> </ul>
11.	Adjourn	6:45 PM	6:45 PM	

<sup>\*</sup>Times are an estimate only and items may be discussed sooner or later depending on when the previous item concludes.\*

### Town of North Hero **E911 Coordinator**

PO Box 38, North Hero, VT 05474 802-372-6926 www.northherovt.com

June 1, 2022

To: John and Susan Doe, 1234 Lakeshore Drive, North Hero, VT 05474

From: Robert Ayers, North Hero E911 Coordinator

As the E911 Coordinator for the Town of North Hero, I have been informed at our annual review with the State of Vermont E911 Office that houses and properties in the far north end of Lakeshore Drive, left side heading north, are misnumbered. This most likely happened around the time houses in your neighborhood were constructed and were likely numbered by the contractor without consultation with the State E911 office. Your house and property on Lakeview Drive is one of the properties currently misnumbered.

We will take action on this matter on July 1, 2022. As of that date, your correct address will be 1312 Lakeshore Drive which then allows the local fire fighters, ambulances, and police to find your exact home building in the case of an emergency. Their computer guides use the correct number determined by the Vermont E911 Office. For your personal safety as well as your house safety, the number above for your house will be accurate.

For the safety of you and your family as well as your property, please take the necessary steps for emergency accuracy by July 1, 2022, i.e., the correct number established on your mailbox as soon as reasonably possible.

The North Hero Post Office has been informed of the accurate number regarding your property. You can be assured that your mail will be delivered as usual during this changeover period.

John and Susan Doe

Accurate address: 1312 Lakeshore Drive, North Hero, VT 05474

Please change to the above address by July 1, 2022.

### **Corinn Julow**

From: Jay Buermann <jay@belvt.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:51 PM

**To:** Corinn Julow

Cc: North Hero Water System; North Hero Assistant Town Clerk

Subject: Re: FW: Poquette Lane Water Main Extension, Permit Applications

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

#### Corinn,

Respectfully, Jay Buermann, PE

Good question. The application you reference, to VTrans, is to authorize construction, operation and maintenance for the few feet of new water main within the US2 right-of-way. Since the Town (Water Department) will ultimately be the Owner of the main and responsible for ongoing maintenance, the Town becomes the Applicant.

The Contractor (as hired by the local residents) retains responsibility for the actual construction, including compliance with VTrans standards - signage, flaggers, etc. - and the Town doesn't actually take ownership until the Water Board accepts the Engineer's construction certification and the State DEC issues the Permit to Operate.

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Buermann Engineering, LLC
(802) 893-1308
> On 05/11/2022 11:19 AM Corinn Julow <cjulow@northherovt.com> wrote:
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> Hi Jay,
> I am the select board clerk in North Hero and I was forwarded a request to have the select board chair sign a "State
Highway Access and Work Permit". Can you please explain why the select board chair would sign this document? This is
a private road and not a town road.
> It is more likely to be signed if questions can be answered! Thank you.
> Corinn Julow
> North Hero Town Clerk/Treasurer
> 802-372-6926
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Lisa Keyworth < lkeyworth@northherovt.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:35 AM
> To: Corinn Julow <cjulow@northherovt.com>
> Subject: FW: Poquette Lane Water Main Extension, Permit Applications
> Hello Corinn,
> Harry will need to sign the VTrans Application for the permit for the Poquette Lane extension.
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> Thank you,
> Lisa
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> Lisa Keyworth   North Hero Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer
> 802-372-6926   assistanttownclerk@northherovt.com
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>Original Message
> From: Jay Buermann <jay@belvt.com></jay@belvt.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:03 PM
> To: Lisa Keyworth < lkeyworth@northherovt.com>; North Hero Water System < watersystem@northherovt.com>
> Cc: Kevin Holcomb <kevinholcomb5@gmail.com>; Tim Schmalz <tfschmalz@gmail.com>; bjret7627@msn.com;</tfschmalz@gmail.com></kevinholcomb5@gmail.com>
champney@gmpvt.com; kendat3@gmail.com
> Subject: Poquette Lane Water Main Extension, Permit Applications
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> Lisa, Kevin,
> Please find attached plans and permit applications for consideration by the Water Board, hopefully submitted in time
for their May 9 meeting.
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> If the Board concurs then I ask that Larry sign and date on Page 4 of 6 of the "Application for a Public Water System
Construction Permit", and on the bottom of the "Application for a Public Water System Permit to Operate". I also ask
that Harry Parker sign and date as Owner/Applicant on the "State Highway Access and Work Permit". Please then return
those signature sheets to me; I will submit them to the appropriate agencies with the necessary fees and supporting
documents.
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> I'm happy to forward you paper applications and/or full-size prints if you like. Feel free to call or write if you have
questions or concerns, and thank you for your assistance.
<b>&gt;</b>
>
> Respectfully,
> Jay Buermann, PE
> Buermann Engineering, LLC
> (802) 893-1308

	PERMIT ID#			_	FOR AGENCY I	
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	Owner's/Applicant's Name, A	ddress, E-mail & Phone No	o	ero, PO	BOX 38, NORTH HE	ero, v i 05474,
	c/o Kevin Knapp, waters	system@northherovt.	com, 802-372-625	8		
	Co-Applicant's Name, Addre	ss, E-mail & Phone No. (if	f different from above)			
	The location of work (town, h	nighway route, distance to	nearest mile marker o	r intersect	ion & which side)	
	North Hero, US Route	2, 450 ft. east of 0020	0/0704/0120, so. si	de of roa	ad at Poquette Ln	. intersection
	Description of work to be per	formed in the highway rig	ht-of-way (attach plan)	Constru	<u>ıct and maintain r</u>	new water
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9	Is a Zoning Permit required?	Yes No [	7 - If Yes, #			
	Is a 30 VSA § 248 permit red	quired? Yes 🔲 No 🖫	7 - If Yes, #			
<b>63</b>	Is an Act 250 permit required	l? Yes ☐ No [	√ - If Yes, #			
Applicant	Other permit(s) required?	Yes ✓ No C	] - If Yes, name and #	of each \	Nater Supply Cor	nstruct/Operate
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	Owner/Applicant:	(Print name above)	Position	TitleO	Sicolocara Crian	
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IN	STRUCTIONS: -Contac	ct the Development Revie	ew and Permitting Ser	rvices Sec	tion (802.636.0037)	or your local area
	Transp	ortation Maintenance Dist ine what plans, fee and ot	rict Office to determine	e your issu	ing authority. The is	ssuing authority will r Vermont Statute:
	Annota	ted, Title 19, Section 1111	<ol> <li>permit application re</li> </ol>	quest.		
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NOTICE: This permit covers only the Vermont Agency of Transportation's jurisdiction over this highway under Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 1111. It does not release the petitioner from the requirements of any other statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations. This permit addresses only access to, work within, and drainage affecting the state highway. It does not address other possible transportation issues, such as access to town highways, use of private roads, and use of railroad crossings. If relevant to the proposed development, such issues must be addressed separately.

No work shall be done under this permit until the owner/applicant has contacted the District Transportation Office at:

Secretary of Transportation

### RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS

### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Agency" means the Vermont Agency of Transportation (a/k/a VTrans).

"Engineer" means the authorized agent of the Secretary of Transportation.

"Owner/Applicant" means the party(s) to whom the permit is to be issued.

"Co-Applicant" means the party who performs the work, if other than Owner/Applicant or a secondary Owner/Applicant under a joint permit application.

"Permit Holder" means the party who currently owns the lands abutting the highway that are the subject of the permit.

### **GENERAL:**

By accepting this permit, or doing any work hereunder, the Owner/Applicant agrees to comply with all of the restrictions and conditions and any imposed special conditions. If the Owner/Applicant is aggrieved by the restrictions and conditions or special conditions of the permit, they shall submit a written request for consideration to the Engineer within 30-days of permit issuance and prior to starting any work. No work will be authorized by the Agency, or performed under the permit, until the dispute is fully resolved.

Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 30, Chapter 86 ("Dig Safe") requires notice to Dig Safe before starting excavation activities. The Permit Holder or his/her contractor must telephone Dig Safe at 811 at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) before, but not more than 30 days before, starting excavation activities at any location. In addition, please note that the Agency and many municipalities are not members of Dig Safe and will need to have their utility facilities investigated with due diligence prior to starting excavation activities in or on the State Highway right-of-way.

The Permit Holder is to have a supervisory representative present any time work is being done in or on the State Highway right-of-way. A copy of this permit and Special Conditions must be in the possession of the individual performing this work for the Permit Holder.

Except with the specific, written permission of the District Transportation Administrator, all work in the State Highway right-of-way shall be performed during normal daylight hours and shall cease on Sunday, on all holidays (which shall include the day before and the day following), during or after severe storms, and between December 1 and April 15. These limitations will not apply for the purposes of maintenance, emergency repairs, or proper protections of the work which includes, but not limited to, the curing of concrete and the repairing and servicing of equipment.

The Owner/Applicant shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property resulting from any work done under this permit, even if the Applicant's Contractor performs the work. All references to the Owner/Applicant also pertain to the Co-Applicant.

The Owner/Applicant must comply with all federal and state statutes or regulations and all local ordinances controlling occupancy of public highways. In the event of a conflict, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

The Owner/Applicant must, in every case where there is a possibility of injury to persons or property from blasting, use a preapproved Blasting Plan. All existing utility facilities shall be protected from damage or injury.

The Owner/Applicant shall erect and maintain barriers needed to protect the traveling public. The barriers shall be properly lighted at night and must be MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) compliant.

All temporary and permanent traffic control measures and devices shall be MUTCD compliant.

The Owner/Applicant shall not do any work or place any structures or obstacles within the State Highway right-of-way, except as authorized by this permit.

The Owner/Applicant may pay the entire cost of the salary, subsistence and traveling expenses of any inspector appointed by the Engineer to supervise such work.

The Engineer may modify or revoke the permit at any time for safety-related reasons, without rendering the Agency or the State of Vermont liable in any way.

In addition to any other enforcement powers that may be provided for by the law, the Engineer may suspend this permit until compliance is obtained. If there is continued use or activity after suspension, the Engineer may physically close the work area and take corrective action to protect the safety of the highway users.

The Permit Holder shall be responsible to rebuild, repair, restore and make good all injuries or damage to any portion of the highway right-of-way that has been brought about by the execution of the permitted work, for a minimum period of eighteen (18) months after final inspection by the District.

Any approved variance from the permitted plans is to be recorded on "as-builts" with copies provided to both the Chief of Permitting Services and the District Transportation Administrator.

### ACCESS:

This permit (if for access) does not become effective until the owner/applicant records in the office of the appropriate municipal clerk, the attached "Notice of Permit Action"

As development occurs on land abutting the highways, the Agency may revoke a permit for access and require the construction of other access improvements such as the combination of access points by adjoining owners.

Under Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 1111, no deed purporting to subdivide land abutting a state highway can be recorded unless all the abutting lots so created are in accordance with the standards of Section 1111.

The Permit Holder acknowledges and agrees that neither this permit nor any prior pattern of use creates an ownership interest or other form of right in a particular configuration or number of accesses to or through the highway right-of-way, and that the right of access consists merely of a right to reasonable access the general system of streets, and is not a right to the most convenient access or any specific configuration of access.

### DRAINAGE:

The Owner/Applicant shall install catch basins and outlets as may be necessary, in the opinion of the Engineer, to preclude interference with the drainage of the state highway. Direct connections shall <u>not</u> be allowed without written approval.

### UTILITY WORK; CUTTING AND TRIMMING TREES:

The Owner/Applicant shall obtain the written consent of the adjoining owners or occupants or, in the alternative, an order from the State Transportation Board in accordance with, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 30, Section 2506, regarding cutting of or injury to trees.

In general, all utilities shall be located adjacent to the State Highway right-of-way boundary line and shall be installed without damaging the highway or the highway right-of-way. No pole, push-brace, guy wire or other aboveground facilities shall be placed closer than 10 feet to the edge of traveled-way. If the proposed utility facilities are in conflict with the above, each location is subject to the approval of the Engineer.

Poles and appurtenances shall be located out of conflict with intersection sight distance, guardrail, ditches, signs, culverts, etc. Where the cutting or trimming of trees is authorized by permit, all debris resulting from such cutting and trimming shall be removed from the State Highway right-of-way.

Open cut excavation for highway crossings is NOT the option of the Applicant, and may be utilized only where attempted jacking, drilling, or tunneling methods fail or are impractical. The Owner/Applicant shall obtain an appropriate modification of the highway permit from the Engineer before making an open cut.

### JOINT PERMITS:

A joint permit application is required when more than one party will be involved with the construction, maintenance, and/or operation of the facility being constructed under this permit. Examples include, but are not limited to, joint ownership or occupancy of a utility pole line and construction of a municipal utility line by a contractor. Both utility companies, and in the second case, the municipality and the contractor, must be joint applicants.



## NORTH HERO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### **PO BOX 132**

### NORTH HERO, VERMONT 05474

conservation of life and property

North Hero Select Board

6441 Us Rte 2

North Hero, VT 05474

#### To Select Board:

The North Hero Volunteer Fire Department is seeking to use a small portion of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds that were disbursed to the Town of North Hero. We believe that this request meets guidelines of these monies.

Due to the Corona Virus pandemic the Fire Department has had to suspend 3 of our fundraising activities. The Roast Beef Dinner which has been a very valuable income source for the Department. Canceling these has created a lost revenue situation for us.

The ARPA funds can also be directed to public safety agencies serving the community. This year we are seeking \$8500.00 from these funds. If granted the funds will be applied to the principle balance on the new tanker that was recently delivered. We will provide documentation showing receipt of the funds and from our lender showing payment of those funds to the balance of the tanker.

Sincerely,

Michael Murdock

NHVFD Chief





### VLCT Summary and Analysis of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA) FINAL RULE

The U.S. Treasury's <u>Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule</u> (issued in January, 2022) is a 437-page document that adopts and amends the Interim Final Rule (issued in May, 2021). In January, 2022, Treasury also published its 44-page <u>Overview of the Final Rule</u>.

VLCT here presents a concise digest for our busy members, The information shown in regular test under each heading is our summary and review of the most relevant sections of the Final Rule, and *the blue italicized text below each section is our analysis*.

**Please Note:** This analysis should not be considered legal advice, nor should it be considered authoritative expertise on how ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds may be used. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is providing its members with this analysis based on our understanding of the law, the final rule, and input from our state and federal partners.

• **The Final Rule.** The final rule takes effect April 1, 2022. Until then, the interim final rule remains in effect. However, recipients can choose to follow the final rule instead with no penalty.

Towns, cities, and villages may choose to follow the final rule from this point forward, since it is allowed by Treasury with no penalty and provides far greater flexibility in uses of funds.

• Final Rule Changes. Treasury is now permitting recipients to determine the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic either according to a formula or by claiming a standard allowance of up to \$10 million (for the entire performance period). Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency. Therefore, recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund "government services."

Government services can include, but are not limited to, maintenance of infrastructure or pay-go spending for building new infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; environmental remediation; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services.

VLCT's analysis suggests that any municipality that received less than \$10 million in ARPA funding may choose to use their entire award to replace lost revenue (Expenditure Category 6.1 Provision of Government Services). A municipality does not need to demonstrate the loss (it is "presumed" by Treasury). This approach provides the most flexibility in spending and streamlined reporting requirements.

• Reporting to Treasury. The first Project and Expenditure Report for Non-Entitlement Units of government (NEUs) and South Burlington will be due to Treasury by April 30, 2022, covering the period from March 3, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Based on the information in the Project and Expenditure Report User Guide, recipients will have the option to make a one-time irrevocable decision to elect the "Standard Allowance" of up to \$10 million, not to exceed the award allocation, to spend on government services throughout the period of performance.

VLCT's analysis suggests that towns, cities, and villages might benefit from not spending any of their ARPA funds until after March 31, 2022 (the end of the first reporting period), if possible. This will provide the time to see if additional clarification (through an updated Treasury FAQ) and/or guidance will be released by Treasury.

For municipalities wishing to spend prior to March 31, 2022, or who have already spent funds, electing the standard allowance will provide the most amount of flexibility now and going forward. Electing the standard allowance will create the least amount of administrative burden on the reporting side.

VLCT has hired a new Government Finance Specialist, who is an expert in Vermont municipal finance, to join its team. VLCT will be working internally and with its external government finance partners to draft additional guidance and best practices for accounting for your ARPA award in your general ledgers, given the new standard allowance for revenue loss.

 Community engagement. Although there is no change in the requirement to carry out community engagement for your ARPA award, like the Interim Final Rule, it is implicit throughout the Final Rule.

VLCT's analysis suggests that the intent of this funding is tied directly to the impacts of the pandemic. Communities may wish to therefore conduct engagement activities that identify the best way to respond to the pandemic and plan for long-term recovery. Communities with well documented and planned capital needs assessments and/or capital plans in place may have a clear roadmap of how to spend additional funds. However, a community may wish to ask whether the pandemic and the pandemic response were considered before such capital needs assessments or capital plans were created and reevaluate them using this new perspective.

Since there is now such broad discretion on how ARPA funds can be spent, given the standard allowance for revenue loss, educating your residents and inviting them to join local ARPA conversations becomes more important than ever. VLCT has seen

communities hold dedicated selectboard meetings aimed at seeking community input, issue community surveys, and form ARPA advisory committees of interested citizens.

Should your community choose to form an ARPA advisory committee to help with gathering feedback to advance the prioritization planning/process for your community, VLCT is creating an ARPA Advisory Committee formation toolkit to help you. It will be available on our ARPA webpage in February 2022.

If municipalities demonstrate best practices in deciding how to spend this funding, responsibly spend this funding, and properly account for the spending, it may increase the likelihood of future federal-local funding partnerships.

• **Continue to be patient.** Aside from the new flexibility and simplicity provided for smaller communities in the Final Rule, not much else has changed. Prioritize good governance. Leverage your ARPA aid. Invest in best uses for long-term recovery.

VLCT recommends you continue to take time to be thoughtful and strategic in planning how you will put this unprecedented funding to work in your community. Your decisions should prepare your community for the next disaster, position future generations for successs, and, whenever possible, help grow your Grand List.

As you make plans to spend your ARPA award, you might consider:

- Opportunities to leverage your ARPA award save some of your ARPA award to serve as match that will be necessary for other grant programs (both forthcoming new ones and existing ones) to achieve community goals
- o Goals identified in your **Town Plan** to help prioritize your spending
- If carrying out infrastructure projects with your ARPA funds, what future planning can be incorporated into the project concept and design to achieve multiple priorities – like laying conduit for fiber, sidewalks, considerations for a future public water or sewer system, etc.

Based on the hundreds of municipal inquiries VLCT has received to date regarding local ARPA funding, below is a non-exhaustive list of items that many communities throughout Vermont are considering in their spending plans:

- Investments to improve municipal business operations:
  - Implement cybersecurity measures
  - Purchase hybrid meeting equipment
  - Connect public buildings to broadband, as appropriate
  - Digitize land records
  - Make capital improvements to municipal buildings: ventilation, weatherization, fire safety (as appropriate - sprinklers, centrally monitored alarm systems),

- code upgrades including ADA compliance and measures to ensure continuity of operations during future disasters
- Implement software changes to streamline operations and enable remote work
- Create or enhance official town websites to strengthen communications with residents
- Create a formal Capital Plan
- Seed a town administrator position to source grant opportunities to help fund projects in your community and coordinate efforts between local officials for deep efficiency and impact
- Investments that revitalize a community, making it a better and safer place to live for existing residents and to help in attracting new ones:
  - Outdoor recreation (trails, parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, etc.)
  - Diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) measures to make a community more welcoming so everyone feels like they belong
  - High-quality affordable childcare to support working residents
  - Landbanking and other measures to support housing development to grow the tax base
  - Acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned properties or greening them
  - Improvements to bike and pedestrian safety
  - Improvements to community gathering spaces
  - Support for local non-profits doing excellent work that benefit residents

As always, please do not hesitate to email <u>ARPA@vlct.org</u> to ask questions or seek additional guidance.

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### FIRST/SECOND/THIRD CLASS LIQUOR LICENSE AND TOBACCO APPLICATION

(License year is May 1<sup>ST</sup> through April 30<sup>TH</sup> of the following year)

North Hero Ho	use Inc.			
	on, Partnership, Corp., Club or	LLC	APPLICATION FEES:	
	use Inn & Restaurant		FIRST CLASS LICENSE - \$115.00 to DLC and \$1	15.00 to Town/City
Doing Business as –	Trade Name		SECOND CLASS LICENSE- \$70.00 to DLC and \$	70.00 to Town/City
3643 US Route Street	e 2		SECOND CLASS RETAIL DELIVERY PERMIT -	\$100.00 to DLC
North Hero, VT Town or City & Zip			THIRD CLASS LICENSE - \$1,095 for a full year to \$550 for 6 or fewer more	
802-372-4732 Telephone Number			TOBACCO LICENSE- (there is no application fee applying for second class)	for tobacco if
•	orth Hero, VT 05474 lifferent from above)		TOBACCO ENDORSEMENT PERMIT - \$50.00 to *If applying for Tobacco only license, please use the	
Email address: <u>nhh</u>	lake@aol.com			
	Please check appropriate	categories		
		Retail Delivery	Permit	
	FIRST CLASS SECOND CLASS	Tobacco Endors	sement	
	THIRD CLASS	Restaurant		
	TOBACCO	<b>✓</b> Hotel		
		Club		
		Commercial Kite Caterer's License	then (a Liquor Control Commercial is needed with this license)	

TO THE CONTROL COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN/CITY OF North Hero, VT

Application is hereby made for a license to sell malt and vinous beverages under and in accordance with Title 7, Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, and certify that all statements, information and answers to questions herein contained are true; and in consideration of such license being granted do promise and agree to comply with all local and state laws; and to comply with all regulations made and promulgated by the Board of Liquor and Lottery. Upon hearing, the Board of Liquor and Lottery may, in its discretion, suspend or revoke such license whenever it may determine that the law or any regulations of the Board of Liquor and Lottery have been violated, or that any statement, information or answers herein contained are false.

# MISREPRESENTATION OF A MATERIAL FACT ON ANY LICENSE APPLICATION SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE, AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING.

If this premise was previously licensed, please indicate name  North Hero House Inc.				
I/we are applying as (please check one):				
INDIVIDUAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION				
Please fill in name and address of individual, partners, directors or members.				
LEGAL NAME STREET/CITY/STATE  Walter J. Blasberg 7219 Crystal Lake Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33411				
Are all of the above citizens or lawful permanent residents of the UNITED STATES? Yes No				
If naturalized citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, please provide a copy of the naturalization or lawful permanent resident documentation.				
CORPORATE INFORMATION:  If you have checked the box marked CORPORATION, please fill out this information for stockholders (attach sheet if necessary).				
LEGAL NAME STREET/CITY/STATE				
Walter J.Blasberg 7219 Crystal Lake Drive, West Palm Beach, FL				
Date of incorporation February 4, 1997  Corporate Federal Identification Number 04-3348632  Is corporate charter now valid? Yes No O				
Have you registered your corporation and/or trade name with the Town/City Clerk? Y O N O and/or Secretary of State? Y O N O (as required by VSA Title 11 § 1621, 1623 & 1625).				

	PLICANTS			
HAVE ANY OF THE APPLICANTS EVER BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY CRIMINAL OR MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSE IN ANY COURT OF LAW (INCLUDING TRAFFIC TICKETS) AT ANY TIME? YES NO				
VEHICL	E OFFENSE IN ANY	COURT OF LAW (INCLUDI	NG TRAFFIC TICKETS) AT AN	Y TIME? YES NO
If yes, ple	ease complete the follow	wing information: (attached she	et if necessary)	
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Walter J	l. Blasberg	Vermont	Speeding	1988
	f the applicants hold an		ounty, city, village/town office in V	"ermont? (See VSA, T.7, Ch. 9, §223)
Name		Office	Jurisdic	tion
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Name:	Walter J. Blasbe	rg		
Title:	Owner/President			
	May 7,2022			
on Semir FOR AL Description	nar Schedule for a list o  L APPLICANTS: DE  on of the premises to be	f Seminars in your area.  SCRIPTION /LOCATION  licensed: The North Hero Hou	se Pier Bar is located inside the b	uilding called Southwind. This
bar & res	staurant serves patro	ons who are seated on the p	pier immediately adjacent to the	Southwind Building
Does app	licant own the premises	described? YES O NOO	If not owned, does applicant lea	se the premises? YESO NOO
If leased, name and address of lessor who holds title to property:				
Are you making this application for the benefit of any other party? YES O NO    FIRST CLASS APPLICANTS ONLY: No first-class license may be issued without the following information.  HEALTH LICENSE #: Food #4278				
VERMO	NT TAX DEPARTM	IENT: Meals & Rooms Certific	cate/Business Account# MRT-10	100047
Business is devoted primarily to (please check one):  FOOD (restaurant)				
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If you are considering Outside Consumption service on decks, porches, cabanas, etc. you must complete an Outside Consumption Permit. This form can be found on our website at <a href="www.liquorcontrol.vermont.gov">www.liquorcontrol.vermont.gov</a> and then click on licensing and then forms.

### ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN BELOW

The applicant(s) understands and agrees that the Board of Liquor and Lottery may obtain criminal history record information from State and Federal repositories prior to acting on this application.

I/We hereby certify, under pains and penalties of perjury, that I/We are in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan approved by the Commissioner of Taxes to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont as of the date of this application. (VSA, Title 32,§3113).

In accordance with 21 VSA, §1378 (b) I/We certify, under pains and penalties of perjury, that I/We are in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all contributions or payments in lieu of contributions due to the Department of Employment and Training.

If applicant is applying as an <u>individual</u>: I hereby certify that I/We are not under an obligation to pay child support or that I/We are in good standing with respect to child support or am in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all child support payable under a support order. (VSA, Title 15, §795).

Dated at $\frac{North}{Hevo}$ in the County of $\frac{G}{G}$ this $\frac{10^{11}}{M}$ day of $\frac{May}{M}$ , $\frac{2022}{M}$	rand Tshe and State of VT,
Corporations/Clubs: Signature of Authorized Agent  Waltis  Junes/pros. doub	Individuals/Partners: (All partners must sign)

### TOWN/CITY APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

Upon being satisfied that the conditions precedent to the granting of this license as provided in Title 7 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended, have been fully met by the applicant, the commissioners will endorse their recommendation on the back of the applications and transmit both copies to the Board of Liquor and Lottery for suitable action thereon, before any license may be granted. For the information of the Board of Liquor and Lottery, all applications shall carry the signature of each individual commissioner registering either approval or disapproval. Lease or title must be recorded in town or city before issuance of license.

	, Vermont,		
	Town/City	Date	
APPROVED		DISAPPROVED	
Please check one: Approved Disapproved by the Board of Control Commissioners of the City o			
Total Membership			
Attest,	v or Town Clerk		

TOWN OR CITY CLERK SHALL MAIL <u>ONE</u> APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL, 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602. If application is disapproved, local control commissioners shall notify the applicant by letter.

No formal action taken by any agency or authority of any town board of selectmen or city board of aldermen on a first or second-class application shall be considered binding except as taken or made at an open public meeting. VSA Title 1 §312.

SECTION 5111 AND 5121 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 REQUIRE EVERY RETAIL DEALER IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO FILE A FORM ANNUALLY AND PAY A SPECIAL TAX IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH SALES ACTIVITY. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & FIREARMS (TTB)
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
550 MAIN STREET, CINCINNATI, OH 45202
(513) 684-2979

NOTICE: All new applications are investigated by the Enforcement and Licensing Division prior to approval/disapproval of the license by the Board of Liquor and Lottery. Please note that this process can take anywhere from 2 weeks to 6 weeks to complete once Liquor Control receives the application.

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### **OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT**

### Application Fee \$20.00

Name of Licensed Premise (Corporation/Partnership/Indiv	vidual, d/b/a)
North Hero House Inc.	
d/b/a The North Hero House Inn & Restaurant	La Con North Hore
Address 3643 US Route 2	
	Email or Fax #_nhhlake@aol.com
Outside consumption would be in the area described below North Hero House Patio - 40x20 patio made with pavers immediately	
North Hero House Terrace - 40x20 patio made with pavers immediate	ly adjacent to the side of North Hero House Restaurant
North Hero House Pier Bar- Pier immediately adjacent to North	n Hero House Pier Bar
Please remember that this outside consumption permi beverages, and that the same rules apply in this area	
Outside Consumption time period (hours) from 12 noon	to_10PM
Permanent Use (Permanent use will be considered year	round use)
Occasional Use ×	
Day(s) Requested Daily from May 15 to October 15	
Hours Requested 12 noon to 10PM	
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Town/City Clerk Signature	Date





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### **Corinn Julow**

From: sarah rosedahl <srosedahl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 4:13 PM

To: Select Board

**Subject:** North Hero post office

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up

Flag Status: Flagged

Hi All,

I realize this is not the responsibility of North Hero or our problem to solve, but since it impacts all of us, I wondered if you have any ideas...

As you probably know we don't have a regular mail carrier. Lately there aren't any subs available so mail delivery is sporadic. There aren't any postal boxes available to rent. Since the mail sorting is done by the carrier, we can't always just go and pick it up, since it isn't sorted. Poor Martha, the lone full time person in that office, can't do it all.

My understanding is that someone must hire in as a sub initially. However, subs are not guaranteed specific hours. They might work one day/week. They might work six days/week. This makes it difficult to attract anyone to the job.

I asked Martha if I could help in some way, but the USPS does not allow volunteers.

I did email Peter Welch about this.

I'm not sure whether there is anything we can do collectively, as a town, to raise awareness or help find a solution. I realize trying to influence the USPS is a crazy idea, but what do we do if we can't get mail...

I realize also that this is partly a state and local problem related to the lack of affordable housing. I am not sure where an entry-level postal worker could live in the islands.

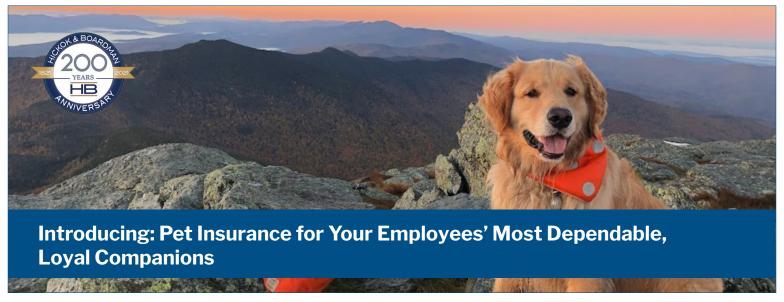
If you have any ideas, let me know.

**Thanks** 

Sarah Rosedahl Artist, Illustrator, Cartoonist www.srosedahl.com







If you own pets (or fur babies, as many of us prefer to call them), you know you'd do anything to keep them happy and healthy. Which, when it comes to unexpected visits to the vet, can become frustrating to even the most devoted fur moms and dads. That's where pet insurance can help.

In 2021, the Willis Towers Watson report stated that pet insurance has become one of the top-5 requested workplace benefits, and a big reason for that is pet healthcare costs are rising faster than human healthcare. Employers across the country are quickly realizing pet insurance is a must-have in their benefit offering.

### Introducing PetPartners: The Industry's First True Employer Group Pet Insurance Product

### Why Pet Insurance?

- Many employees are choosing to rescue animals, but they don't always consider the steep out-of-pocket costs of unexpected vet visits or the increasing vet costs as pets get older
- Offers the best pre-existing condition ruling in the industry: 12 months with a 6-month look-back
- One rate for dogs, one rate for cats
- All coverage is guaranteed-issue with no age limits
- Payroll deducted

### **Contact Us to Add Pet Insurance Today!**



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### **Introducing: Supplemental Life Insurance**

### What Is Supplemental Life Insurance?

Supplemental life insurance allows employees to choose additional life insurance coverage at group rates. The premium payment for this coverage is paid through convenient deductions from your paychecks.

This supplemental life insurance plan includes an option to choose dependent life insurance for your spouse and/or children offered at group rates. If something unexpected happens, this plan can help cover funeral, or end of life expenses.

### What Age Should You Think About Buying Life Insurance?

Many people know that those with a family and/or a mortgage may need life insurance. However, there are some who believe that unmarried young people who have no dependents or mortgage do not need life insurance. The reality is that when someone dies, the surviving family may be left unprepared. Life insurance coverage may reduce potential financial burden and assist with unexpected expenses such as funeral fees, debts, or medical bills not covered by insurance.

### **Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) Block Supplemental Life Insurance (SLF) Program**

The supplemental life insurance benefits provided by VLCT offer pre-negotiated, discounted group rates that are conveniently paid for by payroll deduction.

- Effective July 1, 2022
- Initial open enrollment applies
- Guaranteed-issue (GI) amounts available
- 25% minimum employee participation required to offer this coverage (combined level of all VLCT groups participating)

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### Why Life Insurance?

### Single no dependents:

- Funeral expenses
- Medical bills
- Elderly parent support
- Mortgage Debts

### **Single with dependents:**

- Funeral expenses
- Medical bills
- Mortgage Debts
- Childcare fees
- Elderly parent support
- Education costs

#### Couple with no dependents:

- Funeral expenses
- Medical bills
- Elderly parent support
- Mortgage Debts

### **Couple with dependents:**

- Funeral expenses
- Medical bills
- Mortgage Debts
- Child-rearing expenses
- Elderly parent support
- Education costs

### Older couple:

- Funeral expenses
- Medical bills
- Estate taxes
- Spouse's income
- Mortgage Debts
- Assets for children or grandchildren

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### **Employee Coverage Highlights**

- \$10,000 increments up to a maximum of \$100,000 (not to exceed 5x Salary)
- \$100,000 guaranteed-issue (GI) amount (69 and younger); reduces to \$10,000 (age 70 and older)
- Age reductions apply and reduce to 65% at 65, 40% at 70, 25% at 75, and terminates at retirement
- Supplemental Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D) matches approved supplemental insurance amount – rate is \$.045/\$1,000
- Waiver of premium will apply to employee base life insurance, supplemental life insurance (SLF), spouse SLF, and Child SLF
- Portability applies: Added to employee supplemental life insurance and AD&D only
- Living benefit: 100% of base and supplemental life insurance to a maximum of \$250,000

### **Spouse Coverage Highlights**

- \$5,000 increments to a maximum of \$30,000 (capped at 50% of the employee's supplemental life insurance amount)
- \$30,000 of GI coverage (spouses under age 60) and no GI amount is available for spouses age 60+
- Supplemental Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D) matches approved supplemental insurance amount – rate is \$.045/\$1,000
- Reduces to 65% at 65 and terminates at age 70 (Reduction and terminations are based on spouse's age)

### **Child Coverage Highlights**

- \$250 of infant coverage (14 days to 6 months)
- \$10,000 per child (6 months to age 19 or age 25 if a full-time student)
- Full GI
- Employee election in supplemental life insurance not required to elect dependent life insurance
- Rate: \$2.00/unit

Administered by:



**Corporate Headquarters:** 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300 Brookfield, WI 53005-4273

Offices Nationwide: 800.627.3660 www.NISBenefits.com

Policy Underwritten by:



PO Box 5008, Madison, WI 53705

### **Other Items**

- Minimum participation for employee, spouse, and child coverage. Greater of 10 lives or 25% in employee supplement life across all groups within the VLCT block with employee supplemental life
- One-time-only open enrollment period that will run from May 5 to June 10. This benefit will not be offered throughout the year.
- Plan effective date: July 1, 2022

### **Employee and Spouse Supplemental Life Rates**

Age	Rate per \$1,000
to age 24	\$0.07
25 to 29	\$0.07
30 to 34	\$0.08
35 to 39	\$0.11
40 to 44	\$0.17
45 to 49	\$0.28
50 to 54	\$0.53
55 to 59	\$0.83
60 to 64	\$0.97
65 to 69	\$1.75
70 to 74*	\$3.43*
75 to 79*	\$9.26*
80 to 99*	\$21.02*

### **Child Dependent Supplemental Life Options**

Option	Rate per Unit
\$10,000	\$2.00

### **Contact Us to Learn More Today:**



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<sup>\*</sup> Employee coverage only. Spousal coverage ends at age 70.

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UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION

Tel: (802) 828-2407

ACCOUNTING DIVISION TEL: (802) 828-2301 FAX: (802) 828-2884

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### VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

### OFFICIAL NOTICE - ELECTION OF EMPLOYER TRUSTEE

An election for **Employer Representative** on the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) Board of Trustees will be held in June. The term for Trustee **Kathleen Ramsey** will expire on June 30, 2022. The employer representative serves a 4-year term effective July 1, 2022 and may run for re-election at the end of their term. Only representatives of the governing bodies of system employers are eligible to vote in this election.

An employer representative must at all times during their term of office be a member of a governing body (i.e. select board, school board, etc.), the chief executive officer, or a supervisor as defined in 21 V.S.A. § 1502(13), of an employer participating in the system. If you meet these qualifications and would like to be a candidate for employer representative to the VMERS Board, you must submit a Certification of Eligibility and Nomination Form to Tim Duggan at the Retirement Office, no later than May 20, 2022. The form requires you to submit a brief biographical sketch (no more than 500 words) that describes your qualifications and reasons for wishing to serve as a Trustee, along with at least five (5) emailed statements from individuals who are either members of the system or members of the governing body of a participating employer.

Trustees serve as fiduciaries of the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System, and shall provide governance of the operations, policies, and administration of the retirement plan. Trustees are expected to attend quarterly, and other required VMERS Board meetings as determined by the Board of Trustees. The number of meetings per year ranges between 7 to 10. Trustees serve without pay but are reimbursed for all board-related expenses incurred.

If only one person is officially nominated for the Trustee position, no election will be held. The Board of Trustees will appoint the nominee to the vacant position. If there is more than one nominee, an election ballot will be mailed to you.

If you would like more information on the role of a VMERS Board member, or would like to download a *Certification of Eligibility and Nomination Form*, please visit the VMERS website at the following address:

### https://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/content/vmers-board-elections

Completed Certification of Eligibility and Nomination forms must be received by the Retirement Office, 109 State St., Montpelier, VT 05609 or by email <a href="mailto:tim.duggan@vermont.gov">tim.duggan@vermont.gov</a> no later than May 20, 2022. You may also contact the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement Office at <a href="mailto:tre.retirementoffice@vermont.gov">tre.retirementoffice@vermont.gov</a> or (802) 828-2305 for a copy of these forms or for more information about the election process.



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TOWN OF NORTH HERO

May 7, 2022

Appellant:
Andrew & Eileen Guyette
283 Blue Heron Lane
North Hero, VT 05474

Appellee: Town of North Hero PO Box 38 North Hero, VT 05474

### **NOTICE OF PROPERTY VALUATION APPEAL HEARING**

{	Andrew & Eileen Guyette	}	Docket No. PVR 2021-3
{		* }	
re: {	v. *	}	2021 Grand List
{		}	SPAN: 444.140-10318m
{	Town of North Hero	ş: }	Parcel I.D. No. 03-02-42

A Hearing for the above captioned appeal pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §§4461-4469 and 3 V.S.A. §801 et seq. is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 9:30AM at the Town Clerk's Office located at 6441 US-2, North Hero, VT. No Motion for a Continuance will be granted after May 16, 2022 except for an emergency. Please follow the instructions set forth below.

### PRIOR TO THE HEARING

**APPELLANT:** Prior to May 24, 2022, forward to me at the address below, <u>two</u> copies of all documentary evidence you wish to have entered into the record as evidence.

**APPELLEE:** Prior to Mary 24, 2022 forward to me at the address below, <u>two</u> copies of the Itemized Property Cost sheets, the Official Notice Decision of the Board of Civil Authority for the property under appeal, all documents the Town wishes to have entered into the record as evidence, and the Use Value Printout Sheet if property is enrolled in the UVAP. In addition, <u>two</u> copies of the Itemized Property Cost sheets for any contiguous property under the same ownership if listed separately in the Grand List.

**BOTH PARTIES:** Include <u>two</u> copies of Itemized Property Cost sheets and Property Transfer Tax Returns for all Comparable Sale properties presented as evidence of Fair Market Value. This includes comparable sale properties in appraisal reports.

Documents forwarded to me must be legible, and they are subject to discovery by the opposing party. All discoveries or interrogatories shall be completed prior to May 26, 2022.

#### AT THE HEARING

This Hearing is a legal proceeding, it is do novo, witnesses will testify under oath, and all testimony will be recorded. Rules of evidence will be followed in accordance with 3 V.S.A. §810. My duty as Hearing Officer is to determine an estimate of Fair Market Value as of April 1, 2021 for the property under appeal, and also determine an Equalization Ratio to apply to the Fair Market Value as found so the Appellant does

not have an unequal share of the property tax burden. Each party has the right of cross-examination on any issue raised by the other party. The record is closed at the end of the Hearing.

#### AFTER THE HEARING

The Hearing Officer is not required to inspect the property at issue unless one of the parties requests an inspection, however immediately after the conclusion of the Hearing I will inspect the property at issue including the interior of all buildings, and may view comparable sale properties that have been entered into the record as evidence. Each party may accompany me on these visits.

APPELLANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ME ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY AND THE INTERIOR OF ALL **BUILDINGS SUBJECT TO THE APPEAL.** 

I will issue a written decision based upon the record developed at the hearing. A party may appeal my Decision to the Vermont Supreme Court within thirty days from the date of the Entry Order set by the Director of the Division of Property Valuation and Review. No further evidence is admitted at the Vermont Supreme Court therefore you are encouraged to present all evidence in support of your position at this Hearing.

Please be aware that I cannot give legal advise or discuss the appeal with either party unless it is by conference call with a legal representative of each party on the line. If there are general questions on procedure, you may contact me by phone and you may also contact the Division of Property Valuation and Review at 1-802-828-5860.

Merle Van Gieson

Property Valuation Hearing Officer

3539 West Hill Rd.

Enosburg, VT 05450

Melle Van Greson

phone: 1-802-326-4536

cc: Andrew & Eileen Guyette, Appellant Town of North Hero, Appellee Mike Tarrant, Appellant's Attorney Jil Remick, Director of Property Valuation & Review File

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Appellant:

TOWN OF NORTH HERO

Andrew & Eileen Guvette 283 Blue Heron Lane North Hero, VT 05474



Appellee: Town of North Hero PO Box 38 North Hero, Vt 05474

### **DECISION ON MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

{ Andrew & Eileen Guyette	Docket No. PVR 2021-3
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re: {	} 2021 Grand List
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( T	} SPAN: 444-140-10318
{ Town of North Hero	} Parcel l. D. No. 03-02-42

Via a telephone conversation on May 9, 2022 Thomas Vickery, Appellee's Assessor, entered a Motion for Continuance of the above captioned Appeal on behalf of the Appellee.

The Motion is entered because Mr. Vickery will be unable to attend the Hearing for the instant Appeal that is scheduled for May 26, 2022.

It is my policy to grant a Motion for Continuance when the motion is timely and with just cause.

I find that the Motion is both timely and with just cause, therefore the Hearing scheduled for Thursday, May 26 , 2022 is hereby canceled and rescheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 9:30AM at the Town Clerk's Office located at 6441 US-2, North Hero, VT.

Each party forward two copies of documents listed in the Hearing Notice of May 7, 2022 to the below address prior to June 1, 2022.

All discoveries and/or interrogatories shall be completed prior to June 6, 2022.

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**Property Valuation Hearing Officer** 

3539 West Hill Rd.

Phone: 1-802-326-4536

Enosburg, VT 05450

cc: Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review Andrew & Eileen Guyette, Appellant Town of North Hero, Appellee Mike Tarrant, Appellee's Attorney File

### **TARRANT GILLIES & SHEMS**

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PARALEGAL DOREEN M. PALMISANO

May 6, 2022

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Town of North Hero
P.O. Box 38
North Hero, Vermont 05474

**GERALD R. TARRANT** 

PAUL S. GILLIES
RONALD A. SHEMS\*
\*Also Admitted in Maine

Dear Corinn,

Due to increased costs it is no longer possible to maintain our rates at their current level and we will be implementing a slight rate increase in the next few months. Effective August 1, 2022, our municipal rate will increase to \$180.00 per hour for attorney time, regardless of which attorney is doing the work. Paralegal rates will remain at \$100.00 per hour.

We look forward to continuing to provide the Town with quality representation.

Sincerely,

TARRANT, GILLIES & SHEMS

BY:

Michael J. Tarrant, II