

**Town of Fair Haven
Board of Civil Authority Hearing Minutes.**

August 31, 2022

Members Present: Glen Traverse -Chair, Dani Roberts Roberts-Clerk, Jack Adams, Bob Richards, Sharon Adams, John Lulek, John "Tracy" Adams, Cindy Adams, Lorrain Brown, Jay Brown, Joy Sayer, Tracey Richards, Richard Greenough

Others Present: Randy Bishop, Darcy Handy

Only those BCA members present on July 27th 2022 took part in this hearing.

Called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Glen Traverse called the recessed meeting of the appeal of Randy Bishop, 7 River St to order.

Glen swore in Mr. Bishop and gave a summary of what would happen.

The Inspection Committee would read its report.

The BCA would have the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Bishop would give final comments.

Listers would give final comments.

The meeting would close and go into executive session to deliberate at which time the Listers would also be excused.

Jack read the Inspection Committee Report [attached]. Jack stated that the floors were in good condition. In some places the flooring was very good. There was a new furnace and fuel tank in place. The roof was a cause for concern going forward. No stains on the ceilings from water damage.

The BCA had no questions.

Glen asked for final comments from Mr. Bishop and explained that the BCA had only his letter at the first hearing on July 27th. Mr. Bishop handed out his evidence, comparables which were put together by his realtor, Darcy Handy. Dani marked these as Appellant #1. Mr. Bishop asked if Ms. Darcy to speak on his behalf and Glen swore her in. Ms. Darcy stated that she was a realtor with 3 years' experience and was a pricing strategist. Glen sworn in Ms. Handy. She gave information on the comparable properties. These were all based on sales price and location. "This property sold for \$51,000 because it was worth \$51,000 and it did not sell for the list price of \$67,000 or have any other offers because of the condition of the property."

Mr. Bishop stated that the cost of lumber was still high, the property needed a new roof, the chimney needed work as did the porches. He went on to state that he had completed all of the life safety codes and it had passed fire inspection.

Glen asked for final comments from the Listers and Sharon said she had nothing to add. John Adams asked her about Listed values and Sharon explained what the Listers had looked at.

Glen told Mr. Bishop that he would receive his notification in writing within 15 days of this hearing.

Dani recused herself from deliberations since she holds both the positions of Town Clerk and Lister. Meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m. to enter executive session.

Executive session ended at 7:45 p.m.

The BCA reconvened at 7:50 to conclude the business on the agenda.

Approval of minutes July 27th, 2022 Jack made a motion to accept the July 27th, 2022 minutes as written seconded by Bob. Chadd abstained; motion passed.

Approval of minutes from August 24th, 2022 Sharon made a motion to accept the August 24th, 2022 minutes as written seconded by Jack; Chadd abstained; motion passed.

Organizational meeting – Election of Officers. Jack nominated Glen Traverse as Chair, seconded by Bob, no further nominations passed unanimously. Glen nominated Jack as Vice Chair. Seconded by Bob. Sharon asked about a conflict since she was a list but no one felt one existed. Passed unanimously.

Dani explained that this slate of officers will be in place until Town Meeting Day 2023 after which another organizational meeting will be held.

BCA Rules of Procedure: Having been voted on at the August 24th meeting the Chair signed and they are now in effect.

Candidate Guidelines: Dani told the board that she had contacted the State's Elections Division regarding the use of cameras by Poll Watchers and was directed to ask the Town Clerks which she did. It appears that the ban on phones and pagers is over the concern of noise not privacy. After some discussion of privacy rights, it was decided that if there was an issue with cameras it would be dealt with at that time.

The wording for rule #6 was then discussed. There was some confusion over the exact meaning of "candidate" and "monitoring". The following changes were made

6. One sign representing one candidate and/or ballot item in or on the ground is permitted on the day of the election only. All signs must be controlled by a person and removed when the polls close.

There were no other changes made.

Dani told the board that she had been contacted by Sean Galvin with some concerns about enforcement of the campaigning area. This was discussed and the board felt that there was no need to contact the Town's Lawyer regarding the rules they have adopted. Dani stated that if there were issues, she could not handle she had no problems contacting the police.

Dani told the board that she was checking into purchasing signs to clearly indicate where the campaigning area was and also a sign indicating that this was a polling place and the hours of voting. Bob suggested I ask the Legion if we could use their electronic sign for the hours. Dani will contact the Legion.

Public comment: None

Glen entertained motions to adjourn. Jay made a motion to adjourn seconded by Cindy, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Dani Roberts
Town Clerk

*** NEXT MEETING OF THE BCA, WHEN NECESSARY. **