

Town of Clinton
Fair Rent Commission Hearing/Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Conference Room
September 16, 2015

Present: Omar Francis, John Olsen, Peter Mezzetti and Phillip Sengle

Absent: Jane Vece

Complainant: Deborah Gifford and Tania Abbatello

Respondent: Kimberly Lombard, Newbury Management Company
Joseph Carbone, Newbury Management Company

Francis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, Conference Room, Clinton Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton, Connecticut.

Approval of Minutes

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti to approve the minutes from May 14, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

Continuance of Case #2014-02 – Deborah Gifford vs. Newbury Management Company

The only remaining issue is the lack of water pressure. Gifford said she still doesn't have sufficient water pressure during peak hours. Olsen said the size of the main water pipe is too small and needs to be dug up and replaced. Francis recommended reinstating the rent back to where it was when the complaint was filed and to continue to monitor the flow for another month. There was discussion on if the town has any legal standing to enforce repairs. Sengle made a motion, seconded by Gifford to restore Gifford's rent to \$561.00 per month and to continue to monitor the water pressure for another month. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consider the request to re-open #2014-03 Tania Abbatello vs Newbury Management Company

Tania Abbatello submitted another complaint to the commission regarding repairs that were done to her home. Abbatello testified that her water pressure is still low and that the park hired an unlicensed plumber to make repairs to the pipes underneath her home. Abbatello said the contractor cut the old copper pipe and replaced it with Pex and put heat tape on it. Also some repairs were done to her electrical box. Kimberly Lombard testified that they did hire Finkeldey to make the repairs. The commission will contact the building department to see if any permits were taken out for the repairs. Abbatello asked for the skirt around her home to be put back to the way it was before the repairs were made. Also the yard was left a mess due to the digging. Abbatello asked for fill to be brought in and for grass seed to be planted. Newbury said they will take a look at the yard. Olsen made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti to open a new case #2015-02. The motion was unanimously approved.

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The next commission meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Olsen made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Mary Schettino

Recording Secretary