

Initial Special Meeting of the Fair Rent Commission Task Force

Nov 1, 2022 from 6-6:30

Library Room 3

Members Present: Jon FitzGerald, Esq., Timothy Gamache, Ronald Petosa, Esq., and Sue Pyzynski

Member Absent: David Haberfeld

Minutes:

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Organization:
 - a. Jon FitzGerald was nominated and voted Chairperson of the Task Force;
 - b. David Haberfeld was nominated and voted Secretary
3. Discussion of Requirements and Deadlines:
 - a. Attorney Welch provided an overview of the January 10th reporting deadline and the July 1 enactment of Ordinances deadline as well as other related timing issues.
 - b. Attorney Welch provided a matrix of issues that other Fair Rent Commissions have addressed in their ordinances
 - c. Chairman FitzGerald discussed other towns with Fair Rent Commissions: Hartford, Bridgeport, and New Haven as well as US census bureau data and Office of Legislative Research reports.
4. Future Tasks:
 - a. Distribution of documents related to Item 3.C above as well as the Fair Rent Commission in Connecticut Toolkit produced by Home Connecticut
5. Future meetings:
 - a. November 22, 2022, 6 pm Library;
 - b. December 6, 2022, 6 pm Library;
 - c. December 27, 2022, 6 pm Library;
 - d. January 3, 2023, 6 pm Library; and
 - e. January 5, 2023, 6 pm Library.
6. There was a brief discussion that included members of the public:
 - Steve and Aubrey from Youth and Community Services – works for fair housing commission and has attempted to provide land lord / tenant training.
 - Dawn Ledger mentioned availability of community development block grant program and study re affordable housing.
 - Bristol resident mentioned a current rent increase situation personal to her.
7. Adjournment