



City of Bristol
Bristol, Connecticut
FAIR RENT COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Chair Jon FitzGerald called to order the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

2. Introduction of commissioners.

The commissioners introduced themselves, as follows; Erick Rosengren(City Council), Adam Bothwell (Homeowner), Ryan Carrier (Landlord), Christina Costa (Tenant) Sue Pyzynski (Homeowner), Brian Brown (Landlord), Tim Gamache (tenant) David Haberfeld (Landlord) Jon FitzGerald (Chair)

Chair FitzGerald congratulated Commissioners Costa and Pyzynski on their reappointment. He also shared that Mary Alford is not seeking reappointment and is being replaced by Camerin Crowal, who is not present this evening.

3. Seating of alternates.

All members are in attendance so alternates will not vote.

4. Discussion and approval of the minutes of April 24, 2024 and take any action as necessary.

Commissioner Gamache motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Pyzynski. Chair FitzGerald noticed Ryan Carrier on the attendance list for last month, but he was not in attendance, so that will be edited on last month's minutes. Motion to Amend by Commissioner Costa and seconded by Commissioner Pyzynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion to adopt the minutes by Commissioner Gamache, seconded by Commissioner Brothwell, all in favor, none opposed.

5. Hearing on the fair rent complaint in the matter of Ismael Ramos (Tenant) and Malky Joesph and 166 & 181 Realty LLC (Landlord) and to take any action as necessary.

Attorney Pascal, on behalf of the landlord, and Mr. Ramos were present. Prior to the start of the hearing, they met with Attorney Matney. At the hearing, the parties reported that they had reached an agreement. Mr. Ramos is moving out and will turn over the keys by May 28, 2024. The landlord will withdraw the pending eviction complaint and waives back rent and interest. Mr. Ramos agreed to withdraw his fair rent complaint. Mr.

FitzGerald explained to Mr. Ramos that he had three options: he could proceed with a hearing on his complaint, withdraw his complaint, or have his complaint continued to the commission's June meeting. Mr. Ramos confirmed that he was withdrawing his complaint. Upon motion by Commissioner Costa and seconded by Commissioner Pysynski, the commission unanimously voted to accept the withdrawal of the complaint.

6. Public participation.

None.

7. Election of officers.

Election of Officers – Chair FitzGerald shared that ordinance requires to do it once a year. Commissioner Pyzynski nominates Jon FitzGerald as chairman. Commissioner Gamache seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

Vice Chair – Commissioner Gamache is current vice chair. Commissioner Costa made a motion to keep Commissioner Gamache as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Brothwell. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carries.

Secretary – Commissioner Brian Brown is the current secretary. Motion to keep Commissioner Brown as secretary by Commissioner Haberfeld, Seconded by Commissioner Costa. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.

8. Discussion by commissioners of old business and take any action as necessary.

Chair FitzGerald shared that all the Jefferson Avenue complaints have been taken care of.

9. Discussion by commissioners of new business and take any action as necessary.

Chair FitzGerald shared that he received one new complaint which will be added to the agenda for the June meeting.

10. Discussion by commissioners of meeting dates and agendas and take any action as necessary.

The next meeting is June 26, 2024 and as of right now, there is only one complaint that will need to be heard. Commissioner Costa shared that she will not be present for the June meeting.

11. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Gamache, all in favor, none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Maria Theam, Recording Secretary