

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

APPEALS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

April 26, 2012

PRESENT:

Councillor Brad Johns, Chair
Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Steve Adams
Councillor Mary Wile

REGRETS:

Councillor Jim Smith, Vice Chair
Councillor Bob Harvey
Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF:

Ms. Tanya Phillips, Manager of By-law Services
Ms. Danielle Banks, Orders Assistant, By-law Services
Mr. Stephan Jedynek, Solicitor
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 8, 2012

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Sloane that the minutes of March 8, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Deletion:

5.1.1 Case # 177258, 10 A Marilyn Dr., Dartmouth

The agenda was accepted as amended.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNED BUSINESS - NONE

5. DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

5.1 Appeals

5.1.1 Case # 177258, 10 A Marilyn Dr., Dartmouth

This item was deleted from the agenda under the approval of the order of business.

5.1.2 Case # 180147, 2476 John St., Halifax

A supplementary report dated March 30, 2012 was before the Committee.

Ms. Tamar Pryor-Brown, By-law Officer with Municipal Compliance, presented the report, including photographs of the property in question. She advised that most debris had been removed; however, the Appellant had not made contact with her in order to finalize the process and have the file closed on this case.

Mr. Robert Travers, Appellant, advised that he was the executor for the estate of Ms. Mary Travers of 2476 John Street. He stated that in November 2011 a complainant had advised HRM that the house was derelict and a fire hazard; reading from the complaint regarding the property. Mr. Travers indicated that, since November, he had done everything possible to try and solve this problem and the remaining bags were leaves cleared as part of the clean up, and two lobster traps were part of the wood removal. He presented a letter he wrote to Councillor Sloane dated April 25, 2012 and read it into the record. In closing, Mr. Travers stated that he intended to comply and had remedied

many things so far; noting he hoped to proceed with the continuation and completion of this work within seven to ten days.

A discussion ensued.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Committee adjourn Case # 180147 for one month. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. BY-LAW M-100 - RESPECTING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES – NONE

7. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Wile that the Committee move In Camera to deal with the items listed below. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. IN CAMERA

8.1 In Camera Minutes – November 10, 2011& March 8, 2012

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

8.2 Personnel Matter – Appeal of Refusal to Issue a Taxi Drivers License

This matter was dealt with In Camera.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 10, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant