



**MINUTES
FAIR RENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
February 27, 2024
5:30 PM-7:00 PM – Enfield Room Town Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER - 5:32PM

2. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

3. ROLL CALL

P Januszewski, L Degray, J Bruyette, I Graves, K Hemmeler – present.
W Downs – absent.

4. REVIEW OF TOWN ORDINANCE AND STATE LEGISLATION

With INVITED GUEST – TOWN ATTORNEY

Tom Tyler Town Attorney reviewed and explained town ordinance. According to the 2022 State Statute some of the town ordinance are not applicable. Some changes (but not limited to) are the Fair Rent Commission can only investigate passively by requesting existing reports from Fire, Police, Health and Building departments. Information should be shared with fellow commissioners at same time in prior meeting. Hearings should be recorded. At hearing each side need to acknowledge reports gathered by commission and are allow to comment. Both sides should be sworn in. Person who filed complaint has the burden of proof. No time limits on testimony but the chair has responsibility to keep parties on track and orderly. Once hearing is over, the commission must deliberate and has 3 weeks to issue a written memorandum. If both parties come to agreement at hearing – there can be a stipulated agreement. The commission can require rents to be held in escrow and the town would accommodate that request.

5. UPDATES OF COMPLAINT - none given

6. NEXT MEETING – 3/11/24 6PM SPECIAL MEETING AND 7PM PUBLIC HEARING

7. ADJOURNMENT