

## Minutes from the Board of Health public hearing held at 5:30 pm Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Present: Charlene Farris (CF), Daniel Thibodeau

Attendees: Brianna Dunn (BD), Uta Harrington (UH),

Virtual Attendees: Michael Wilson (MW),

5:30 pm: CF opens the hearing

Attendees and board members introduce themselves.

This hearing was scheduled to determine the habitability of a unit at 9 Cross St., in response to a complaint of no heat, and follow up inspections.

UH says that the occupants of 9 Cross St., have had heat and they have placed a complaint with the Warren Board of Health as retribution to a lease not being renewed.

On 10/13/2022 Board Member DT met the occupants for an inspection. DT took photos of the thermostat which read 62°F and ambient air read 72°F. The chimney appeared to be in poor condition from the basement. Duct work was not attached to the floor register and had been blocked with wood. A document from Firesafe Chimney Services Inc. was provided, dated 10/16/2022 and stated that Firesafe Chimney Services Inc. strongly suggested discontinuing the use of the chimney until repairs were completed. At this time DT instructed the occupants not to turn the furnace on.

11/18/2022 DT followed up with a 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection. There was a new thermostat installed, which read 59°F at the first reading and 60°F on the second. Ambient air read 61°F. Duct work was reconnected by the owner at this time.

UH brought with her documents that provided quotes to fix the chimney from 3 different companies. She also provided a letter from Sherman Oil dated 11/21/2022 stating that on 11/2/2022 a flue pipe was reattached and there was no blockage at the base because Firesafe Chimney had been there on 10/6/2022 to remove the blockage at the base and deemed the chimney safe to use.

At this time, the Board agreed they would wait on making a final decision until they could clarify with both Firesafe Chimney, and Sherman Oil and get confirmation that the chimney was safe to use. At this time the Board proceeded to tell the owner not to use the furnace because of the concern that the chimney was not safe.

The board agreed to hold a hearing the next day for a final decision and no motions were made regarding the habitability of the unit.

Respectfully Submitted

Warren Board of Health