

Vershire Selectboard minutes 5/14/21 approved (emergency meeting/tenancy at 815 VCR)

In attendance: Vernal Stone-Chair, Ken Bushey, Tonya Gunn, Gene Craft-Admin. Asst., Debra Kingsbury-Sec'y. Guests: Nando (tenant), Diann Ward, Marc McKee

Vernal Stone called the meeting to order at 2:11pm

The tenant stated that he had spoken to Craft and informed him that he had been unable to find suitable housing to move to and asked if he could use his security deposit towards another month's rent at 815 VCR. Stone asked him why he was not returning to the seasonal housing he had resided in on Brown Road prior to moving into the town owner cabin. He replied that the property owner hadn't offered and he hadn't asked. Stone stated that the lease terminated on 5/15/21 and that the Board was under the impression he would be going back to the yurt. Nando stated he would pack up and leave and could stay in his van. Craft asked again if he had interacted with Horster as he does receive his mail at their delivery local. Nando replied that Horster said it would be better for him to find another place. Nando added that he has been looking for another rental but it is hard to find places and people don't return his calls. McKee asked Nando why Horster wasn't present as he was the one that sponsored/initiated the relationship for the town to rent to him over the winter months. Stone reiterated that the town has received the permits to start working at 815 VCR for the new highway garage project. Nando once again stated he understood and would leave tomorrow. Stone stated that he could stop by when Nando, as the tenant, was ready for the final walk-through inspection so as to return his security deposit to him. Craft stated that he didn't wish Nando to be "homeless" and that he would need his security deposit for his next location. Craft suggested that the Board give him a grace period thru the weekend to pack and vacate and asked Nando if he was ready to go.

Bushey asked Nando what his timeline was if he stayed and was he actively looking for an apartment. Nando stated that he'd been talking to different farms to see if they had housing but the living situation is hard and things are out of his price range. Gunn stated she was empathetic but the situation warrants some assurance that he can relocate when he states a revised exiting time frame. Craft expressed that it would have been better had Nando alerted the Board about his housing situation in April and not a few days prior to the end of the lease as everyone thought he was returning to his former housing. Craft asked Nando if Cedar Circle had any type of employee housing and Nando replied no. Stone encouraged Nando again to speak to his previous landlord about the yurt and then Nando admitted he really preferred to have housing that had a kitchen and a bathroom. Gunn asked what he needed to make this transition work, a couple of days. Stone added that moving out in one day doesn't seem realistic and suggested that Nando have until the end of Monday to move. Bushey asked if Nando had made arrangement to store his belongings. Stone moved that Nando be allowed to remain at 815 VCR until Monday evening. All were in favor. Nando thanked the Board. Craft asked if Nando wanted the deposit mailed to his current mailing address and he replied, yes. It was agreed that Stone and /or Craft would meet with Nando and do the final walk-thru Monday or Tuesday and get the keys. McKee commented that the Board was sympathetic to Nando's needs but expressed his discontent that the person that

promoted the rental situation with the town was not present or seemed unwilling to assist Nando now.

New topic-Trash concerns at Durgin: People are once again entering the site after the posted hours and depositing trash in the rear of the compactor which is resulting in animals foraging through the debris. The Board and HW Crew will consider relocating the truck, adding game cameras, motion detector lighting as this needs resolution.

Craft noted that there have been requests from residents about adding one evening per week and that the Board had previously discussed bringing in electricity. Bushey suggested adding some type of Wi-Fi alert system. Gunn suggested solar lighting and fencing and will research.

The Board will go to the Town Office individually to sign the orders in the next few days.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57pm