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Re: Hadyniak et al v. Town of Freedom

Dear Bill and Tyler:

Thank you for the privilege to serve as mediator last November in the above captioned litigation involving a real estate dispute between the Hadyniaks and the Town of Freedom. I have reviewed the proposed Consent Decree which will bring final resolution to the litigation. It is well drafted and consistent with others which I have seen in comparable matters.

The Consent Decree is a result of the hard work and spirit of cooperation exhibited by the parties at the mediation and, in my view, is a "win win" for both sides.

I believe that the Select Board has the power to approve the Consent Decree as a settlement of pending litigation without the necessity of a town vote. Approval by the Board will enable the parties to avoid expensive, time-consuming and stressful litigation—and most importantly the reality that there is no guarantee of success for either party. Not to mention the possibility of a lengthy appeal.

I commend the parties for their thoughtful participation in the mediation—and both of you for being strong and effective advocates on their behalf. I wish you the best in your efforts to finalize the matter with the Town. I will stand by assist if needed going forward.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Durward W. Parkinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Durward Parkinson, Mediator