
**BIG BEAR FIRE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FOR THE FIRE CODE APPEALS HEARING OF
OCTOBER 2, 2019**

A Hearing of the Big Bear Fire Authority Appeals Board was called to order by Chairman Jahn at 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 41090 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

OPEN SESSION

Moment of Silence: Observed

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Director Ziegler

Board Members Present: Chairman Bill Jahn
Vice Chairman John Green
Director Rick Herrick
Director Larry Walsh
Director Al Ziegler

Others Present: Mike Maltby, Assistant Chief
Nick Norvell, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Dawn Marschinke, Board Secretary
Chardelle Smith, Front Counter Technician

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPEAL HEARING

An Appeal Hearing was held regarding the Notice and Order to Abate a hazardous dead/dying or diseased Tree from the property located at 43134 Sunset Dive, Big Bear Lake, CA APN 2328-632-24-000 issued to the property owner, Tony Moullem on May 10, 2019. The owner appealed the notice and requested a Hearing before the Big Bear Fire Authority Appeals Board.

Assistant Chief Mike Maltby presented a timeline of actions taken by Fire Authority staff between May 10, 2019 and September 5, 2019 to work with Mr. Moullem to remove the tree in question.

Mr. Moullem presented his reasons for appeal based on hardship:

- In the past, the Forest Service took about 10 of his dead trees down and he did not have to pay for their removal. This is the first time the burden has been put on him.

- He was provided with paperwork for grant assistance, but it only covers \$1,000 of the \$4,000 he was quoted for removal by Porter's Firewood.
- He read the arborist's report, but he does not believe it is a hazard because it is freshly dead, and if it falls it will not hit anyone's house but his own.

Mr. Mouallem is requesting more time to have the tree removed.

- Chef Maltby stated that he could give another 30-day extension.

Chairman Jahn closed the Hearing at 5:03 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Vice Chairman Green; the tree is dead, dying or diseased and must come down within 30 days:

AYES: Jackowski, Ziegler, Walsh, Green and Jahn
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Staff will provide Mr. Mouallem the necessary paperwork and assistance to apply for the tree removal grant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fire Code Appeals Board at this session, Chairman Jahn adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Dawn E. Marschinke, Board Secretary

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2019

**BIG BEAR FIRE AUTHORITY
MINUTES FOR THE FIRE CODE APPEALS HEARING OF
OCTOBER 2, 2019**

A Hearing of the Big Bear Fire Authority Appeals Board was called to order by Chairman Jahn at 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 41090 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

OPEN SESSION

Moment of Silence: Observed

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Director Ziegler

Board Members Present: Chairman Bill Jahn
Vice Chairman John Green
Director Rick Herrick
Director Larry Walsh
Director Al Ziegler

Others Present: Mike Maltby, Assistant Chief
Nick Norvell, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Dawn Marschinke, Board Secretary
Chardelle Smith, Front Counter Technician

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPEAL HEARING

An Appeal Hearing was held regarding the Notice and Order to Abate a hazardous dead/dying or diseased Tree from the property located at 43134 Sunset Dive, Big Bear Lake, CA APN 2328-632-24-000 issued to the property owner, Tony Moullem on May 10, 2019. The owner appealed the notice and requested a Hearing before the Big Bear Fire Authority Appeals Board.

Assistant Chief Mike Maltby presented a timeline of actions taken by Fire Authority staff between May 10, 2019 and September 5, 2019 to work with Mr. Moullem to remove the tree in question.

Mr. Moullem presented his reasons for appeal based on hardship:

- In the past, the Forest Service took about 10 of his dead trees down and he did not have to pay for their removal. This is the first time the burden has been put on him.

- He was provided with paperwork for grant assistance, but it only covers \$1,000 of the \$4,000 he was quoted for removal by Porter's Firewood.
- He read the arborist's report, but he does not believe it is a hazard because it is freshly dead, and if it falls it will not hit anyone's house but his own.

Mr. Mouallem is requesting more time to have the tree removed.

- Chef Maltby stated that he could give another 30-day extension.

Chairman Jahn closed the Hearing at 5:03 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Director Walsh, seconded by Vice Chairman Green; the tree is dead, dying or diseased and must come down within 30 days:

AYES: Jackowski, Ziegler, Walsh, Green and Jahn
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Staff will provide Mr. Mouallem the necessary paperwork and assistance to apply for the tree removal grant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Fire Code Appeals Board at this session, Chairman Jahn adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.



Dawn E. Marschinke
Dawn E. Marschinke, Board Secretary

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2019