

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT
HARTFORD DIVISION**

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KRISTIN S. NORTON, DEBTOR.)	CHAPTER	7
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KRISTIN S. NORTON, PLAINTIFF)	ADV. PRO. NO.	19-02011 (JJT)
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V.)	RE: ECF NOS.	68, 69, 72, 89, 93 102, 111
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TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR, MATTHEW GALLIGAN, MORRIS BOREA, AND ROBBIE T. GERRICK, DEFENDANTS.)		
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ORDER TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE

Counsel for the respective parties are hereby ordered and directed to appear before this Court at a status and scheduling conference to discuss and consider the advancement of post-trial proceedings in this case. Specifically, counsel shall come prepared to address the Court on the following:

- 1) Whether continued post-trial mediation, limited or global, is in order;
- 2) The identification and briefing of issues and setting of future proceedings related to the Town's counterclaim for setoff relief; AND
- 3) Any additional avenues that might facilitate conciliation efforts or the final adjudicated resolution of all the pending interrelated matters before these parties.

The Path Ahead

The path pursued by these parties has plagued each of their houses with interminable litigation. Heretofore, neither party has appeared ready to invite meaningful conciliation efforts. While the Town's service to public health, safety and welfare is its indisputable charge, one must wonder whether enhanced communication between parties, constructive responsiveness, and more collaboration might have proved a more direct and predictive path to the early resolution of this matter. Alternatively, in the face of the Debtor's offensive, dangerous and violative property conditions, the Town's pursuit of a more effective direct remedy in the superior court to Plaintiff's willfulness (or lack of will) and her ostensible physical and financial limitations would have been more effective and conclusive.

Both parties have been exhausted, frustrated and sullied in these endless proceedings. Accordingly, the parties are urged by this Court to pursue a mediated conciliation and closure of their disputes. Based upon considerations of practicality, disproportionate costs, collectability and objective fairness, a range of tenable solutions can be found. Those principles and lessons that each of them has otherwise sought to uphold or vindicate or assail have been sufficiently addressed by the Court(s) that have considered these matters. The time has come for the intervention of the objective, reasoned judgment of a mediator.

ORDERED: Counsel for all parties shall appear remotely on October 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM via ZoomGov.com and show cause why this case and the related disputes should not be mediated and are directed to address the Court in accordance with the directives described above.

ORDERED: In anticipation of this Show Cause hearing, it is further ordered that counsel for the parties shall file, at least 5 (five) days prior to the hearing, a joint status report on all

judicial proceedings between them that are pending or have been concluded (by judgment or otherwise).

IT IS SO ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED at Hartford, Connecticut this
21st day of September 2021.

James J. Tancredi
United States Bankruptcy Judge
District of Connecticut