

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSING APPEALS BOARD



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Senator James P. Gray, Chairman
New Hampshire Senate Finance Committee
State House, 107 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the committee:

RSA 679 is the enabling legislation for the Housing Appeals Board. The Administrative Rules for the board can be found on its website listed above.

Figures:

- Sixty-eight appeals were filed (47 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 19 Planning Board, 1 Miscellaneous, 1 Selectboard).
- Ten cases have been appealed to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Of those ten, the Court has issued Opinions in three; all three Opinions have affirmed the decision of the HAB.
- From the date an appeal is filed, it takes an average of 142 days to receive a decision.
- All decisions are posted on the Housing Appeals Board website.
- All HAB hearings are noticed on its website and can be observed in person and via the Cisco Webex online video conferencing platform.

The Housing Appeals Board is comprised of a housing development professional, a land use attorney, and a licensed land surveyor/professional engineer, which brings expertise to the appeal process that allows for the thoughtful, comprehensive adjudication of each case.

Please feel free to contact me if you desire additional information regarding this board.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth R. Fischer", is written over a large, faint circular watermark or background graphic.

Elizabeth R. Fischer, Chair
Housing Appeals Board

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