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**Brunsen Unit 6 - Proposed Skylight**

10 messages

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**Michael Sousa** <michaelpsousa@gmail.com> Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 11:12 AM  
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Cc: Michael Sousa <michaelpsousa@gmail.com>

Hi All Owners,

I request your approval for support with my application to Bristol HDC to install a skylight similar to the 2-existing skylights that are being replaced as part of the upper roof project. This skylight would be over my upper level hallway similar to what Unit 7 has. Of course, all expenses are covered by Unit 6 and installation will be by McCabe and Chaffe at the same time as with the 2 skylight replacements.

Please reply by Friday 9 February if you do not approve so that I can complete my HDC application in time to appear at the HDC meeting.

Respectfully,  
Mike Sousa

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**Bob Murray** <bob@murraybillboards.com> Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 11:31 AM  
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Hi Mike (& All),

I approve of and support the addition of another skylight during the roof re-vamp.

Thanks for checking.

Bob Murray

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**Cheryl Ferreira** <cferreira0517@gmail.com> Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 12:05 PM  
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Unit 9 approves of a skylight in unit 6.

Cheryl

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> On Feb 7, 2024, at 11:12 AM, Michael Sousa <[michaelpsousa@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpsousa@gmail.com)> wrote:

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**Michael Sousa** <[michaelpsousa@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpsousa@gmail.com)>

Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 8:00 PM

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All,

For clarification, I am amending my request as follows:

- Unit 6 will assume responsibility for the skylight as it pertains to the owner's responsibility for their unit's windows.
- Unit 6 will accept stipulations placed on similar Owner requests, including Unit 3 Solarium window install.

I believe this request is reasonable, fair, and in line with previous approvals that all units have had over the years. I'm sorry some owners feel like past similar requests were not done properly or somehow skirted the bylaws or imply we had 'backroom deals'. **That has simply not ever been true.** Anyone who has been part of the governance of this property over the past 20 years knows that.

What has recently changed, however, is how a minority of owners consider it acceptable to not treat each other with decency and decorum. That has been evidenced of late by our executive board stripping away our rights to vote after requesting a vote ... an obvious appearance of acting in bad faith, the authoritarian tone of certain board members speaking down to other owners at our meeting last Saturday, and the unreasonableness by 2 of 3 board members on display with this request which would force me and future owners to accept uninsurable risks.

Please grant this approval as I am certain Rob McCabe and Chaffee Roofing will exercise excellent workmanship with the installation as they will be the other 2-skylights.

Thank you,  
Mike

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 4:17 PM Michael Sousa <[michaelpsousa@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpsousa@gmail.com)> wrote:

Paul - Please provide the language stipulated on the Brunsen Owners approval of Unit 3 solarium windows. If the language is the same, I will agree. If not, you proved my point.

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 3:10 PM Paul J. Salesi <[iselp@me.com](mailto:iselp@me.com)> wrote:

Mike,

Good afternoon. The only "new precedent" we are now setting is playing it by the books. No more winging it as we go along. And you are certainly not being singled out as the same policy and procedures would apply to all unit owners at BH. You have chosen to install the skylight that will benefit you only and therefore should bear the responsibility. That is an understanding with all windows at BH, including my solarium windows that we had installed at our expense. Happy to work with you.

Paul  
BH3

On Feb 7, 2024, at 2:55 PM, Michael Sousa <[michaelpsousa@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpsousa@gmail.com)> wrote:

I disagree.

That would set a new precedent for ALL Owners that whatever they decide to have done to their unit, although it would fall in the future under an Association line item would revert to the unit Owner. I believe that would be the first time such a strict and rather harsh restriction is imposed and I do not want to be singled out as the first to be treated in that manner in the history of the Association.

I will take your position as a "Nay".

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 2:51 PM Alan Sylvia <[alan.sylvia@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.sylvia@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hey Mike, I will approve with the following contingencies. Since this is an addition and not part of the original roof, the "ownership / association" be absolved of any and all financial responsibilities for:

Repairs, replacement of skylight due to damage caused by any leaks or events outside (roof area) or inside. Any damage to the interior of Unit 6 or other units caused by the skylight would also be the responsibility of Unit 6 to repair. I ask that Unit 6, whether current and/or future owner(s) take on any and all financial responsibilities beyond installation.

If agreed, then unit 1 approves of this installation.

Regards,  
Alan / Ann Sylvia Unit 1

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Michael Sousa** <[michaelpsousa@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpsousa@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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**Pamela Brittschneider** <[brittschneiderp@gmail.com](mailto:brittschneiderp@gmail.com)>

Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 8:12 PM

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Unit 7 approves

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**Cheryl Ferreira** <[cferreira0517@gmail.com](mailto:cferreira0517@gmail.com)>

Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 8:20 PM

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Unit 9 approves, again.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2024, at 8:01 PM, Michael Sousa <michaelpsousa@gmail.com> wrote:

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**Mike DiPippo** <mikedmx56@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 7, 2024 at 9:48 PM

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**Unit 8 approves** the request by Mike Sousa to have installed, at his expense, a new skylight in his unit (unit 6).

I also agree with Mike's response to Paul Salesi - I too would like to read the "official" wording that Paul refers to. Additionally, Mike is completely correct in his observations of how this property is being run. Furthermore, this is a COMMUNITY of owners, not a property that 7 people are visiting and funding while only 2 own it.

I am sick to my stomach as to what this property has become. Some of you were not here 5-10 years ago but I was and I remember how it was - people were cordial, friendly, there was open conversation among owners, neighbors called each other and had each others backs, friendly gatherings that did not alienate others often took place, sure we didn't agree on everything all the time - but people helped each other - that's all gone now - and it's gone because certain individuals and their authoritarian attitude (thank you Mike Sousa, great choice of words), combined with their back room coordinating and their obvious biases and personal agendas have made this once beautiful and enjoyable property into just an ugly example of what happens when the wrong people are given too much power. I might be one person, but I am an owner just like every other owner here and at some point the owners will stand up and say enough is enough.

Unit 8 supports Mike Sousa and his new skylight, get over it.

Have a wonderful evening,

Mike DiPippo Unit 8

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**Anne Gates** <[annemgates@outlook.com](mailto:annemgates@outlook.com)>

Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 3:02 PM

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Hi -

Unit #4 also approves.

Thanks,  
Anne Marie

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**From:** Michael Sousa <[michaelpsousa@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpsousa@gmail.com)>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 8:00 PM**To:** Paul J. Salesi <[iselasp@me.com](mailto:iselasp@me.com)>**Cc:** Alan & Ann Sylvia <[alan.sylvia@hotmail.com](mailto:alan.sylvia@hotmail.com)>; Cheryl Ferreira <[cferreira0517@gmail.com](mailto:cferreira0517@gmail.com)>; Mike DiPippo <[mikedmx56@gmail.com](mailto:mikedmx56@gmail.com)>; Rob Schneider <[schneidrb9@aol.com](mailto:schneidrb9@aol.com)>; Pamela Schneider <[brittschneiderp@gmail.com](mailto:brittschneiderp@gmail.com)>; Bob Murray <[bob@murraybillboards.com](mailto:bob@murraybillboards.com)>; Anne Marie Gates <[annemgates@outlook.com](mailto:annemgates@outlook.com)>; MaryAnn Salesi <[msalesi@me.com](mailto:msalesi@me.com)>; John McCloskey <[johnmccloskeyjr62@gmail.com](mailto:johnmccloskeyjr62@gmail.com)>**Subject:** Re: Brunsen Unit 6 - Proposed Skylight

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**Paul J. Salesi** <[iselasp@mac.com](mailto:iselasp@mac.com)>

Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 1:35 PM

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Mike

Good morning. Thank you for the clarification. As such Unit 3 approves your request.

Paul  
BH3On Feb 7, 2024, at 8:01 PM, Michael Sousa <[michaelpsousa@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpsousa@gmail.com)> wrote:

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**John McCloskey** <[johnmccloskeyjr62@gmail.com](mailto:johnmccloskeyjr62@gmail.com)>

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Hi Mike,

Sorry for my delay...I approve of your planned skylight addition as you have detailed it.

Thank You,

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