

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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BARBARA CRAW, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil No. 18-12149-LTS
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HOMETOWN AMERICA, LLC, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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ORDER ON FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT (DOC. NO. 204)
AND RESOLVING PENDING MOTIONS (DOC. NOS. 194, 198, 210, 211)

September 23, 2021

SOROKIN, J.

On May 7, 2021, the Court allowed the Joint Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and established that a fairness hearing would be held on September 14, 2021. Doc. No. 174. The Court then conducted the fairness hearing for the following motions and objections: (1) Joint Motion of Withdrawal of Objection to Proposed Class Action Settlement (Doc. No. 211); (2) Objection to Class Settlement by Robert Lane and Tracy Lane (Doc. No. 194); (3) Motion for Attorney’s Fees and Class Representative Award (Doc. No. 198); (4) Joint Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (Doc. No. 204); and (5) Joint Motion for Entry of Judgment under Rule 54(b) (Doc. No. 210). The Court has carefully considered the documents filed in connection with these motions and objections as well as the oral argument presented at the hearing. The Court concludes as follows:

- (1) The Withdrawal of Objection to Proposed Class Action Settlement (Doc. No. 211) is ALLOWED. If the facts here fall under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(5), the Court approves

Robert and Tracy Lane's withdrawal of their objection. The Lanes are restored as members of the Damages Class and have until October 7, 2021, fourteen days from the issuance of this Order, to submit claim forms that are considered timely.

- (2) The Objection to Class Settlement (Doc. No. 194) is DENIED as moot in light of this Order allowing withdrawal of the objection.
- (3) The Motion for Attorney's Fees and Class Representative Award (Doc. No. 198) is GRANTED, subject only to the condition that Ms. Craw can make no claim for compensation for her role as Class Representative in any form from any resolution of the Oakpoint class claims. Doc. No. 213.
- (4) The Joint Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement (Doc. No. 204) is GRANTED.
- (5) The Joint Motion for Entry of Judgment under Rule 54(b) (Doc. No. 210) is GRANTED.

A separate and final judgment is to issue after September 22, 2021 when the time for objections from the United States Department of Justice expires.¹

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Leo T. Sorokin
Leo T. Sorokin
United States District Judge

¹ The original expiration date for the U.S. Department of Justice to object was prior to the September 14, 2021 fairness hearing, but due to unforeseeable issues in providing notice, the expiration date was pushed back to September 22, 2021. The Court has not received any objections nor requests for an extension of time to file objections from the Department of Justice.