STATE OF MAINE KENNEBEC, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION Docket No. CV-07-242

WANDA WYMAN and JOHN WYMAN

Plaintiff

v.

**DECISION AND ORDER** 

DIANE ROGERS and SMOKERISE, INC. d/b/a THE BIRCHES FAMILY CAMPGROUND

DONALD L. GARBRECHT LAW LIBRARY

**Defendants** 

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The defendants move for summary judgment pursuant to M.R. Civ. P. 56. The defendants filed a statement of material facts (DSMF). The plaintiffs responded (PRSMF) and filed a statement of additional material facts (PSAMF), to which the defendant did not file the required response. See M.R. Civ. P. 56(h)(2) & (3).

## **Facts**

In approximately May 2006, defendant Diane Rogers discussed with the plaintiff Wanda Wyman, the purchase by defendant Smokerise, Inc. of the plaintiffs' 2000 Breckenberg Park Model 1238 camper. (DSMF  $\P$  1; PRSMF  $\P$  1.) On or about January 22, 2007, defendant Rogers sent the plaintiffs a letter of intent to purchase the camper. (DSMF  $\P$  2; PRSMF  $\P$  2.) Defendant Rogers would buy the camper and all of its accessories, including an 8' x 34' deck, screened-in porch, awning, and detached shed for \$25,500.00. (DSMF  $\P$  3; PRSMF  $\P$  3.)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The defendants' argument that, at the very least, there is no individual liability on the part of defendant Rogers does not make sense in light of her own affidavit: "The arrangement was that I would buy the Camper . . . ." DSMF  $\P$  3; Rogers Aff.  $\P$  4.

Defendant Rogers later notified the plaintiffs that because of potential foreclosure on the campground at which the camper was located, defendant Rogers would be unable to complete purchase of the camper. (DSMF  $\P$  6; PRSMF  $\P$  6.) On February 9, 2007, the plaintiff sent defendant Rogers an email stating:

What a blow, I was thinking of you and thought I would see how you were doing? I wish there was a way the bank would be more cooperative with you. What jerks not to cut you some slack. I also suffered a blow also, since we could not sell the camper I will not be able to purchase dads home. I'm not telling you this to make you feel bad, Please don't' feel bad I know you would have honored your agreement if at all possible and I don't hold you responsible in any way. Maybe the new owner of the campground might be interested would it be to much to ask that you let who ever know that we are still interested in selling it. I hope the sale goes smoothly for you and that you come out ahead I fell so bad that you have to sell it, I know you were going to some day as part of your retirement but not now. If there is anything I can do even to lend an ear do not hesitate to call me ok.

Thinking of you, Love Wanda

(DSMF ¶ 8; PRSMF ¶ 8.; Wyman Aff. Ex. V.)

## **Discussion**

The defendants argue that any contract was terminated by mutual agreement of the parties. A mutual agreement to rescind a contract is itself a contract. <u>Drinkwater v. Patten Realty Corp.</u>, 563 A.2d 772, 775 (Me. 1989). The plaintiffs have raised issues of material fact regarding whether the parties mutually assented to rescind the contract. <u>Id.</u>; PRSMF ¶ 8; PASMF ¶¶ 22-28.

The entry is

The Defendants' Motion for Symmary Judgment is DENIED.

Date: May 13, 2008

Justice, Superior Court

WANDA E WYMAN - PLAINTIFF

SUPERIOR COURT KENNEBEC, ss.

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Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

08/22/2007 Party(s): JOHN K WYMAN

ATTORNEY - RETAINED ENTERED ON 08/22/2007

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

08/22/2007 CERTIFY/NOTIFICATION - CASE FILE NOTICE SENT ON 08/22/2007

08/22/2007 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS

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SERVED ON DIANE ROGERS FOR SMOKERISE, INC.

09/20/2007 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC
RESPONSIVE PLEADING - ANSWER FILED ON 08/21/2007
Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

09/20/2007 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS

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09/20/2007 Party(s): SMOKERISE INC

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09/27/2007 DISCOVERY FILING - DISCOVERY DEADLINE ENTERED ON 06/01/2008

ASSIGNMENT - SINGLE JUDGE/JUSTICE ASSIGNED TO JUSTICE ON 09/26/2007 NANCY MILLS , JUSTICE

09/27/2007 ORDER - SCHEDULING ORDER ENTERED ON 09/26/2007

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12/04/2007 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

DISCOVERY FILING - NOTIFICATION DISCOVERY SERVICE FILED ON 12/04/2007

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

WANDA WYMAN'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS TO DEFS SERVED ON SONIA BUCK, ESQ., ON 11/30/07.

12/04/2007 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC
DISCOVERY FILING - NOTIFICATION DISCOVERY SERVICE FILED ON 12/04/2007
BY ATTY CONWAY AND BUCK FOR DEFS'S...FIRST REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS SERVED ON JED DAVIS ESQ
ON 11/20/07.

12/06/2007 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN

ADR - NOTICE OF ADR PROCESS/NEUTRAL FILED ON 12/04/2007

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

MEDIATION WITH MATTHEW DYER, ESQ. ON 01/14/08.

12/06/2007 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

DISCOVERY FILING - NOTIFICATION DISCOVERY SERVICE FILED ON 12/06/2007

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

WANDA WYMAN'S INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO DIANE ROGERS, SERVED ON S. BUCK, ESQ. ON 12/05/07.

12/18/2007 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

MOTION - MOTION SUMMARY JUDGMENT FILED WITH AFFIDAVIT ON 12/17/2007

Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

W/ AFFIDAVIT OF DIANE ROGERS, MEMORANDUM OF LAW, STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS, PROPOSED

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12/20/2007 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

MOTION - MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME FILED ON 12/18/2007

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

01/02/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

OTHER FILING - OPPOSING MEMORANDUM FILED ON 12/31/2007

Defendant's Attorney: JOHN CONWAY

DEFTS' OPPOSITION TO PLTF'S MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO RESPOND TO DEFTS' MOTION FOR

SUMMARY JUDGMENT

01/02/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

MOTION - MOTION STAY OF PROCEEDINGS FILED ON 12/31/2007

Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

DEFTS' MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY PENDING RULING ON DEFTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND

DEFTS' MOTION FOR RULE 11 SANCTIONS. PROPOSED ORDER.

01/02/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

MOTION - MOTION FOR SANCTIONS FILED ON 12/31/2007

Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

DEFTS' MOTION FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST PLTFS PURSUANT TO RULE 11

01/04/2008 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN

DISCOVERY FILING - NOTIFICATION DISCOVERY SERVICE FILED ON 01/03/2008

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

PLT WANDA WYMAN'S RESPONSE TO DEF ROGERS REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS SERVED ON ATTY BUCK ON

1/2/08

01/07/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

DISCOVERY FILING - NOTIFICATION DISCOVERY SERVICE FILED ON 01/07/2008

Defendant's Attorney: JOHN CONWAY

DEF'S RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS SERVED ON ATTY DAVIS ON 1/4/08.

01/07/2008 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

OTHER FILING - OPPOSING MEMORANDUM FILED ON 01/04/2008

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

PLTFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFTS' MOTIONS TO STAY DISCOVERY AND FOR RULE 11 SANCTIONS, AND REPLY

IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME

01/10/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

OTHER FILING - REPLY MEMORANDUM FILED ON 01/10/2008

Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

DEFTS' REPLY TO PLTF'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY

01/10/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

MOTION - MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME FILED ON 01/10/2008

Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

DEFTS' MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF ADR PENDING RULING ON DEFTS' MOTION FOR

SUMMARY JUDGMENT. PROPOSED ORDER.

01/16/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

MOTION - MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME GRANTED ON 01/15/2008

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COPY TO PARTIES/COUNSEL. ADR DEADLINE WILL BE WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER COURT'S RULING ON DEFT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

01/16/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

MOTION - MOTION FOR SANCTIONS DENIED ON 01/15/2008

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01/16/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

MOTION - MOTION STAY OF PROCEEDINGS DENIED ON 01/15/2008

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01/16/2008 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

MOTION - MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME GRANTED ON 01/15/2008

NANCY MILLS , JUSTICE

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02/07/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC
DISCOVERY FILING - NOTIFICATION DISCOVERY SERVICE FILED ON 02/01/2008
DEFS FIRST REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS FROM PLT. AND DEFS RESPONSES TO PLTS REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS SERVED ON ATTY. DAVIS ON 1/31/08

02/12/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC
DISCOVERY FILING - NOTIFICATION DISCOVERY SERVICE FILED ON 02/07/2008
Plaintiff's Attorney: JOHN CONWAY
DEF'S ANSWERS TO PLT'S REQUEST FOR INTERROGATORIES SERVED ON ATTY DAVIS ON 2/6/08.

02/27/2008 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN
OTHER FILING - OPPOSING MEMORANDUM FILED ON 02/26/2008
Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS
PLTFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, REPLY STATEMENT OF MATERIAL
FACTS, AFFIDAVIT OF WANDA WYMAN, EXHIBITS A-W.

03/05/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

RESPONSIVE PLEADING - RESPONSE FILED ON 03/04/2008

Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

DEF'S REPLY TO PLT'S OPPOSITION TO DEF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT.

03/14/2008 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

LETTER - FROM PARTY FILED ON 03/13/2008

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

RE: DEFTS FAILED TO RESPOND TO PLTFS' STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FACTS.

03/20/2008 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

LETTER - FROM PARTY FILED ON 03/13/2008

Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

RE: DEFT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

03/20/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC LETTER - FROM PARTY FILED ON 03/17/2008 Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK

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RE: ATTORNEY DAVIS'S LETTER OF MARCH 11, 2008

- 04/02/2008 Party(s): WANDA E WYMAN, JOHN K WYMAN

  LETTER FROM PARTY FILED ON 03/31/2008

  Plaintiff's Attorney: JED DAVIS

  IN RESPONSE TO SONIA BUCK, ESQ.'S LETTER OF 03/14.
- 04/02/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC
  OTHER FILING REQUEST FOR HEARING FILED ON 04/01/2008
  Defendant's Attorney: SONIA J BUCK
- 05/15/2008 Party(s): DIANE ROGERS, SMOKERISE INC

  MOTION MOTION SUMMARY JUDGMENT DENIED ON 05/13/2008

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