

TRAVIS A. PARENT

v.

ELIZABETH A. MORRISON

Submitted on Briefs November 18, 2021
Decided March 29, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and
CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Elizabeth A. Morrison appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Fort Kent, *Soucy, J.*) modifying the parties' parental rights and responsibilities, including changing primary residence of the parties' two minor children from Morrison to Travis A. Parent. Contrary to Morrison's arguments,¹ the court's express factual findings are based on competent evidence in the record, *see Jackson v. MacLeod*, 2014 ME 110, ¶¶ 10, 23, 100 A.3d 484, and are sufficient to support the court's conclusions that there was a substantial change in circumstances warranting modification of the children's primary residence, *see Little v. Wallace*, 2016 ME 93, ¶ 17, 142 A.3d 585; *Jarvis v. Jarvis*, 2003 ME 53, ¶¶ 29-30, 832 A.2d 775; 19-A M.R.S. § 1657 (2021), and that it was in the children's best interests to switch their primary residence to Parent, *see*

¹ We reject Parent's contention that Morrison failed to preserve her argument concerning the lack of evidence regarding a substantial change in circumstances because there was "sufficient basis in the record to alert the court" and Parent of Morrison's disagreement on this issue. *Warren Constr. Grp., LLC v. Reis*, 2016 ME 11, ¶ 9, 130 A.3d 969 (quotation marks omitted); Alexander, *Maine Appellate Practice* § 402(a) at 310 (5th ed. 2018).

Aranovitch v. Versel, 2015 ME 146, ¶¶ 19-20, 127 A.3d 542; *Bulkley v. Bulkley*, 2013 ME 101, ¶¶ 17, 18, 82 A.3d 116; 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2021). The court thus did not clearly err or abuse its discretion. *See Seymour v. Seymour*, 2021 ME 60, ¶¶ 22-23, 263 A.3d 1079.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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