



March 19, 2015

Minutes

The Colchester Housing Authority met on March 19, 2015 for its monthly business meeting at Dublin Village. In attendance were: Robert Gustafson, Executive Director, Janet Labella, Chairperson, Marion Spaulding, Vice-chair, Todd Vachon, Secretary, Denise Salmoiraghi, Treasurer, and Lou DelPivo, Tenant Commissioner. Also in attendance was Peter Olson. Rosemary Coyle was not present. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

The Secretary's minutes for February were reviewed; a motion was made by Denise and seconded by Lou to accept the minutes as submitted.

A motion was made by Lou and seconded by Marion to accept the Financial Report as submitted by the Executive Director; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A tenant from Ponemah Village once again expressed discontent with the CHA's denial of a transfer to Dublin Village. The committee members reminded the tenant that due to the cost associated with transfers (and the relatively high number of requests) the CHA policy is to grant transfers only in the event of medical necessity—as documented by a medical professional. This particular case did not meet those criteria. The tenant also presented a petition signed by 19 of 30 of the residents requesting we install security cameras throughout the village. The tenant also presented bills for the repairs done to his pickup truck, claiming it was vandalized while it was parked at the village.

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA; Report from Peter Olson Election of Officers

Executive Session: The meeting was brought into executive session from 7:07 until 7:46 for a report from attorney Peter Olson Re: Nutmeg Park

Annual Election Meeting: Marion nominated Jan to continue doing “what she does so well” for another year and for the “amazing secretary” to continue for another year, as well as everyone who is “just fabulous at their job to keep it for another year.” Jan in turn nominated Marion to continue as vice-chair. All nominations were accepted and thus the officer positions for the CHA will continue to be the same in 2015 as they were in 2014.





COMMUNICATIONS

- Ongoing correspondence with 64 Solar—Ponemah has been given a green light. Keeping our fingers crossed for Dublin as well. We will need to furnish an engineer's report that the roofs will bear the weight of the panel installation.
- Rob asked the Commission on Aging to write a letter in support of our Small City Block Grant request to upgrade bathrooms and repave Dublin.
- Received a call from Peter Olsen regarding Nutmeg Park. He was added to the agenda for this evening.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- The annual audit is underway.
- New washers, dryers and card machines were installed on 2-25-15. \$3.00 per-loaded cards were issued to every resident courtesy of Mac Gray. System seems user-friendly and most residents have adapted without difficulty.
- Fire Marshall stopped by on 3-6-15 to check on progress of the apartment that had an egress violation. Rob told him that partial progress has been made and that more needs to be done. He will check back in again soon. The tenant has been informed.

REPORT OF TENANT COMMISSIONER


- Lou reported that he had "Nothing happening here. Ponemah is a different story..."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-none

NEW BUSINESS

- TD bank informed us about a change in their CD policy which would significantly reduce our earned interest. Rob will look into other options.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully Yours, 

Todd Vachon
Secretary

CC: Janet LaBella – Chairperson
Commissioners
Rob Gustafson, Executive Director
Rosemary Coyle, Selectwoman
Town Clerk

