



January 18, 2018

Minutes

The Colchester Housing Authority met on January 18, 2018 for a special monthly business meeting at Dublin Village. In attendance were: Robert Gustafson, Executive Director, Marion Spaulding, Vice-chair, Denise Salmoiraghi, Treasurer, Lou DelPivo, Tenant Commissioner.

Also in attendance were Carol Vancederfield, Jennie Lopez-Torres and Angie Ciparelli representing Breeds Tavern Housing Co-op.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The meeting minutes for December were reviewed; a motion was made by Denise and seconded by Lou to accept the minutes as submitted; the motion passed unanimously.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA- none

PUBLIC COMMENT

Breed's Tavern Co-op officers Carol Vancederfield, Jennie Lopez-Torres, Angie Ciparelli and The CHA Board of Commissioners had a discussion regarding the resignation of DeMarco Management as the management company for Breeds Tavern. The CHA Board assured the Co-op officers that the Breeds Tavern Development will remain as affordable housing and are working to acquire a new management company. The CHA may become a transitional management agent as only a short time is available to procure the services of a new management agent / company.

COMMUNICATIONS

12-22-17 Rob received notice that the SHHP Phase two grant application was denied for the second time. A debriefing meeting will be held on Monday the 22nd at CHFA in Rocky Hill. Jen Svelnys our grant writer appointed by CHFA, Janet LaBella CHA Chairperson, Rob & Brian Gustafson will be attending.

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COMMUNICATIONS Continued

12-27-18 RFP #2 was received from CHFA for the Pre-Development funding at a reduced amount of 83,290.00 of the 91,231.00 request.
This disbursement allowed the payment's to Eagle Environmental for the air quality testing 7,487.50 and the balance due to QA&M Architecture of 66,478.99.

Communications are ongoing with A. Shilosky, L. Wagner, C. O'Neil, A. Gil concerning D. Carew's inspection. D. Carew is withholding over 78,000.00 in payments to contractors until he receives the response report in its entirety. A meeting was held on 12-19-17 with L. Wagner, C. O'Neil, A. Gil, L. DelPivo and R. Gustafson to compile all of our responses into one. Letters from three CHA residents whose apartments were inspected by D. Carew wrote response letters that were forwarded to L. Wagner along with our Attorney's email to Rob that included the line stating "that the unfounded complaints to the State would cease."

1-8-18 Notice was received that the RSC program funding has been reduced by another 2%.

1-9-18 Notice from DeMarco Management was received that they will resign as management agent for Breeds Tavern as of February 8th 2018.

1-12-18 RFP's #2 were sent to the DOH for RAP & RSC.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We suffered some equipment breakdown during the mini blizzard making it more hectic and time consuming than it should have been to eradicate the snow fall. Thanks to Ashley and Brian's high-speed labor all 147 doors and all sidewalks were cleared in a timely fashion. Another ton and a half of sidewalk treatment has been stored up and all equipment is back in working order.

All SCBG work is on hold until spring time.

REPORT OF TENANT COMMISSIONER

-Lou reported that "everyone is hibernating until spring."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS- none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully Yours, 

CC: Janet LaBella – Chairperson
Town Clerk