

NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 20, 2020 7:30 PM

34 Seabeds Way

COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Scott Brightman

Angie Medeiros,

Vice Chair Reg Foster

Executive Director

Treasurer Karen Hughey

Peter Pingitore

Penny Kirk

GUESTS:

Rick Shaw, CPA Jim

Pender, Esq.

RESIDENT INPUT:

Resident Carol Gardenhire said that she had recently been through the Grievance Procedure and had met with the current NHA Grievance Officer Cynthia Howe. She was happy with the procedure and had been made to feel like she had been heard. She felt that she was more comfortable meeting with just one person and not a panel of officers. She also said that she was happy with the compromise that had been reached.

Resident Janice Bennett said that she did not like the idea of using a previous ED as there were some residents who might not be comfortable with her. Commissioner Pingitore agreed that there might be some who were not and, in that case, NHA would just move on to the next Grievance Officer.

Kalpana Shah said that the CMR stated that there should be 3 officers. Commissioner Foster explained how it worked and that the idea was that there should be 3 approved officers so that a resident's grievance could be heard in a timely manner.

Rick Shaw, NHA accountant, then reviewed the 2019 Financial Statements and passed out the appropriate forms to be signed including the Lead Paint Law Certification which is due at the same time.

NHA's new Grievance Policy has been sent to DHCD for final approval. There is a potential Appeal to the NHA Board under the terms of the Grievance Policy. Commissioner Foster reminded the Commissioners that the Interim Executive Evaluation is due at the March meeting.

RESOLUTION #2020-76

Voting to approve the 2019 NHA Lead Paint Certifications and 2019 Financial Statements. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Hughey it was passed by a voice vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

RESOLUTION #2020-77

To approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2019 Regular NHA Board Meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Pingitore it was passed by a voice vote of 4 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION #2020-78

To approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Hughey it was approved by a voice vote of 3 in favor and 0 against with 2 abstaining.

RESOLUTION #2020-79

To approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2020 Special NHA Meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Hughey it was passed by voice vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

RESOLUTION #2020-80

To approve the payment of the bill roll/check roll listed on the Warrant dated February 20, 2020 in the amount of \$466,1212.31. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Hughey it was passed by voice vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

RESOLUTION #2020-81

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, the nature of which cannot be publicly exposed because it would compromise the purpose of the Executive Session.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Hughey the motion passed by a voice vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

RESOLUTION #2020-82

To approve adjourning the regular Meeting of the NHA Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Hughey and seconded by Commissioner Foster it passed by a voice vote of 5 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.