

## **Scituate Housing Authority, February 26, 2013**

A SCITUATE HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING WAS HELD ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013 AT 5:00 PM AT 791 COUNTRY WAY IN SCITUATE, MA.

Call to Order: 5:03 PM

Present: Patricia Butler

Michael Collins

Stephen Coulter

John Zigouras

Absent:

Also Present: State Representative James Cantwell;

Kathy DeMarsh, Executive Director and Secretary to the Board

Tenants in attendance were: Elaine Nicholson, Jan Grady, John MacNeil, Jack Devine and Carol King  
Bills and Communications

Representative James Cantwell was invited to the meeting to discuss the Governor's Bill on Regionalization of Housing Authorities. He provided Board members and residents with a written summary of the Governor's proposal and of MassNAHRO's proposal. Representative Cantwell informed members and residents that once a Bill is filed it is assigned to committee. A hearing will take place in May or June at the State House. He encouraged residents to write out their opinion of Regionalization and submit it to their legislators. He explained that the Governor is looking for ways to be more efficient and save money. Chairperson, Patricia Butler asked how long the legislative process takes. Representative Cantwell said that a vote would probably be in the next calendar year (July or next spring). He did want to assure residents that "no one will lose their housing". The possibility of holding a coffee hour at each of the community rooms was mentioned to reach out to residents that were unable to attend tonight's meeting. This ended the discussion on regionalization. Chairperson Patricia Butler offered to draft a letter to Tenants explaining the proposal for regionalization.

On a motion by Michael Collins, seconded by Stephen Coulter, it was unanimously

Voted: To acknowledge receipt and approve the Accounts Payable warrant

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

On a motion by Stephen Coulter, seconded by John Zigouras, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes, as written

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

On a motion by Stephen Coulter, seconded by Michael Collins, it was unanimously

Voted: To acknowledge receipt of the Maintenance Report of Feb., 2013

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

On a motion by Stephen Coulter, seconded by John Zigouras, it was unanimously

Voted: To acknowledge receipt of the Reconciliation Reports for January, 2013

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

On a motion by Stephen Coulter, seconded by John Zigouras, it was unanimously

Voted: To acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Financial Reports for December 31, 2012

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

On a motion by John Zigouras, seconded by Stephen Coulter, it was unanimously

Voted: To acknowledge receipt of the Director's Report of February, 2013

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

Old Business

Driftway Property

Member Stephen Coulter advised the Board that he had contacted Joe Norton to inquire if the Scituate Housing Authority could receive a discount on the sewer hookup fee for the Driftway property.

Discussion/Appointment New Board Member

Member Stephen Coulter advised the Board that Theresa Martini had submitted nomination papers for the

seat on the Scituate Housing Authority Board that would be vacated by Chairperson, Patricia Butler, whose term expires at the end of April, 2013. He also said that Elizabeth Judge was very close to making a decision to request appointment to fill the unexpired term of Member Maryanne Lewis.

#### Supplements to the Emergency Plan

On a motion by John Zigouras, seconded by Michael Collins, it was unanimously

Voted: To approve the supplement of forms to the Emergency Plan

(Motor Vehicle Crash Report, Bomb Threat Checklist, Robbery Checklist)

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

#### New Business

Affordable Housing Trust Board members and the Scituate Housing Authority Board members were invited to attend a meeting on March 12, 2013 at 7PM for a presentation by the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance on how CPA funds are used throughout the Commonwealth to support affordable housing initiatives. In addition it will provide information on how an Affordable Housing Coordinator could work together with each of the two Boards mentioned. Members from the Housing Authority that agreed to attend were Stephen Coulter and Michael Collins.

Generators-Members were advised that the 2011 Capital Fund Grant for Program 49 (Federal) will be used to replace the existing generator at Central Park.

In the 400-1 Program (State) \$16,000 was budgeted to complete installation of two Generators, one for the Community Room at Lincoln Park and one for the Community Room at Wheeler Park II.

On a motion by Stephen Coulter, seconded by John Zigouras, it was unanimously

Voted: To adjourn the meeting, the time being 7:00PM

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0

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Kathy J. DeMarsh, Secretary