

Scituate Housing Authority, April 10, 2012

A SCITUATE HOUSING AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012 AT 5:00 PM AT 791 COUNTRY WAY IN SCITUATE, MA.

Call to Order:5:10 PM
Present: Michael Collins
Stephen Coulter
John Zigouras
Patricia Butler

Absent: Maryanne Lewis
Also Present:Kathy DeMarsh, Executive Director and Secretary to the Board

Bills and Communications

The Certifications required under Public Housing Notice 2012-01 were again presented to members for signatures. Chairperson, Patricia Butler started the discussion by informing the Board of Commissioners that she had spoken with Town Counsel, James Toomey to have a list of questions answered as requested by Commissioner, Maryanne Lewis. Regarding the language in the Certifications, Town Counsel found no problem with the wording in these documents. When asked about filing an injunction, Town Counsel said he did not recommend this. Commissioner Stephen Coulter stated that he does not think it is unreasonable to add "to the best of our knowledge". He said that Maryanne Lewis is more concerned with the phrase "under the pains and penalties of perjury" but for him if he could add "to the best of our knowledge" he would not have a problem signing the Certifications. Chairperson, Patricia Butler said that she received an email from DHCD stating that no wording can be changed in the Certifications. Commissioner John Zigouras stated that he showed the Certifications to several attorneys and that none of them see a problem with the Board signing them. Two of the attorneys would like it if the wording "to the best of our knowledge" was added but did not see a problem with the wording as it stands. John Zigouras said he feels that if there were a question , that the five Board members are stating, that "to the best of our knowledge we are here with witness, we have reviewed it, we are signing it off for completion, to the best of our knowledge, in agreement with the Executive Director". We have no intentional malice. Stephen Coulter indicated that it is the DHCD that is putting us in this difficult position. They are the ones withholding the funds. Commissioner Michael Collins said we cannot control fraud. He feels the issue is if the Board knows about it. If they don't know about it and sign the Certifications in good faith and we have liability insurance this should not be a problem. It was determined that more information, such as cost to file and the length of time it would involve was needed before the Board could vote on whether or not to file an injunction. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table this item.

On a motion by Michael Collins, seconded by John Zigouras, it was unanimously
Voted:To approve the March 13, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 28, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes as written

Ayes: 4Nays: 0Abstained: 0

On a motion by John Zigouras, seconded by Stephen Coulter, it was unanimously
Voted:To acknowledge receipt of the Maintenance Report of March-April 10, 2012.

Ayes: 4Nays: 0Abstained: 0

On a motion by John Zigouras, seconded by Michael Collins, it was unanimously
Voted: To acknowledge receipt of the Reconciliation Reports for
March 2012

Ayes: 4Nays: 0Abstained: 0

On a motion by Stephen Coulter, seconded by John Zigouras, it was unanimously
Voted:To acknowledge receipt of the Monthly Financial Reports for February 29, 2012

Ayes: 4Nays: 0Abstained: 0

Receipt of the Director's Report was tabled.

Old Business

Driftway Property-MHP and McKenzie-tabled

Window Boxes at Lincoln Park Timeline-tabled

New Business

Liability Insurance for Directors and Officers

The Board was informed by the Executive Director that the Scituate Housing Authority had been advised by Marsh US Consumer, that the underwriter of the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy for the Scituate Housing Authority, Great American, indicated that due to its non-compliance with the Department of Housing and Community Development request for signatures of all Board members on the Certifications issued, the above mentioned Policy would not be renewed if the situation was not corrected by the date of expiration of the Policy.

Meeting with the Council on Aging

It was noted that members of the Scituate Housing Authority were invited to attend a meeting with the Council on Aging along with members of the Town of Scituate Affordable Housing Trust at their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6PM. The Chair was told that the purpose was to discuss possibilities of working collaboratively to build a new Senior Center in the Town.

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

Voted: To adjourn the meeting, the time being 6:10PM

Ayes: 4Nays: 0Abstained: 0

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Kathy J. DeMarsh, Secretary