



Harwich Housing Authority

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CALL TO ORDER

The July 25, 2017 Regular meeting of the Harwich Housing Authority was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Robert MacCready, Sally Urbano, Randall Pond, Judith Underwood and Sandra Woodbridge. Members absent, none. Also present: John Stewart Director of the H.H.A., APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion presented by Sandra Woodbridge, and seconded by Judith Underwood, the minutes of the June 2017 meeting were approved.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT: On a motion presented by Bob MacCready, and seconded by Judith Underwood, the 2017-7 Warrant was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: On a motion presented by Sandra Woodbridge, and seconded by Judith Underwood the Executive Director's report for June 2017 was unanimously approved.

Financial Report: On a motion presented by Sandra Woodbridge, and seconded by Judith Underwood the June Quarterly report was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: John Stewart shared the email he had received from Selectmen Mike MacAskill asking for the Housing Authorities Mission statement. He told the board that he sent Mike a copy of the annual report which has our Mission Statement in it. Some of the newer members asked for clarification of our Mission. We discussed that and the roles of the Housing committee and how it differs from our board. Sally Urbano asked if we were ok to continue the discussion because it was not on the Agenda. John said in light of the fact that she was seeing the email for the first time that it was his understanding that we were free to discuss anything in the email. Sally Urbano continued reading the rest of the Email from Mike MacAskill in which he questioned why Bob MacCready mentioned "working on other things" during his interview and why Sally Urbano asked the other candidate what her views were on housing in the Middle School. The Email went on to request a copy of the Minutes after a vote was taken to appoint someone to the CPC. The content of the email prompted questions and concerns from Judith Underwood about the reuse of the Middle School for Affordable Housing and questions for Sally Urbano regarding her interview questions to Mary Maslowski. A candidate for the open seat on the Housing Authority Board. Judith Underwood had served on one of the Repurpose committees for the Middle School and said she felt that it was not appropriate for housing. Sally Urbano twice redirected the conversation saying that if we were going to continue a discussion on the Middle School we could make it an Agenda item for the next meeting. We also discussed the need to nominate someone as our Rep. on the CPC at our next meeting. Judith Underwood expressed an interest in being our Rep to CPC and asked what was involved. Bob MacCready explained what the function of CPC is. It was not an agenda item so no nominations were made. John will put it on the August agenda. We also discussed what the difference between the Affordable Housing Fund and the Affordable Housing Trust that the town is looking to possibly create. John said he would put the CPC on the Agenda for August as well as housing needs and possible locations for affordable housing.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None

Our next regular meeting is August 29th

The meeting adjourned on a motion made by Sally Urbano, seconded by Judith Underwood and approved by all.

Respectfully Submitted

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