#### EAST HAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

# April 21, 2021 Minutes

### I. CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:12 pm

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tom Denman, Bonnie Berkovich, Beth Kelpen, Roseanne

Amenta, Eric Gibson

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi Brazal, Dion Roccapriore, Sylena Kraczkowsky, Sheryl Dougherty

RESIDENTS PRESENT: Residents of 2, 6, 10, B3, D1, D6, E4

OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Kevin Reich

#### II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**RESULT: Pass** 

MOVER: Roseanne Amenta SECONDER: Bonnie Berkovich

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

### III. PAYMENTS OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

**RESULT: Pass** 

MOVER: Roseanne Amenta SECONDER: Bonnie Berkovich

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

### IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Further information about CDBG will be released soon by the funder.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There will be a three-minute limit for public comment. If further discussion is required, it will be addressed at the next meeting.

Kevin Reich – request to delay decision regarding changes to bulk cable.

#### **VI. UPDATES & REPORTS**

#### A. MAINTEANCE PROJECTS

- Expense comparison for grounds cost
- There has been turnover of five apartments recently.
- The lighting on the town right away is town property however the EHHA pays for the electricity.
- There have been insurance inspections this week.
- The community room will now be locked unless someone is in the office, because of insurance the property must be locked to avoid use by nonresidents.

### B. RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR

- Schedule of programs
- Finishing energy assistance applications
- Assisting with rent redetermination paperwork

#### C. COMMISSION ON AGING

- The senior center is hoping to reopen for activities June 1st
- Currently in the process of obtaining data about needs for seniors in town.

# D. TENANT COMMISSIONER

Where is the laundry money going now?

- EHHA gets half of the laundry money, insurance and fair housing lawyer have suggested that the community rooms not reopen at this time.
- The laundry funds can be used for activities that will benefit all residents Why is the community room being expanded?
  - -It is not being physically expanded but restructured to better meet the needs of the staff.

Why does no one respond to the door when someone was at the office?

- If a staff member does not open the door, they are busy with another task at that time.
- Making an appointment ensures that needs and concerns can be addressed.

When will board meetings resume in person?

-This will be determined in accordance with state guidelines for COVID-19.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Active:

- 1. CDBG
  - Miguel Rivera has provided an update that the signing of the paperwork for the grant will come within the next few weeks.
- 2. Bids Bellwood Repaving Project
  - Three detailed bids must be received before proceeding
  - Three existing companies have showed interest and will be contacted for an update
  - The existing surface area will be repaved
- 3. Bulk Cable
  - There will be an increase in rates over the next year
  - The social work team is working with all residents to complete a survey about cable usage

## B. Tabled:

1. Addition for Chatham Acres (tabled until estimate is received)

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

## IX. VACANCY REPORT

A. Chatham Acres: 2 Bellwood: 0

B.

# X. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 7:31 pm RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Bonnie Berkovich SECONDER: Roseanne Amenta

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

Respectfully submitted by Sylena Kraczkowsky, LMSW, RSC

Cc: Board Members, Town Manager, and Town Council