

EAST HAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONTHLY BOARD

MEETING October 20, 2021 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:06 pm

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tom Denman, Bonnie Berkovich, Beth Kelpen, Roseanne Amenta, Eric Gibson

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi Brazal, Dion Roccapiore, Sheryl Dougherty

RESIDENTS PRESENT: Barbara Brusseau, Pat Butler, Louise Guertin, Kathy Finn, Emmett Flannery, Freddie Winstanley, Kelly Zeitlin, Tim Chapman, Alberta Hyland, Marilyn Gerzibak, and Barbara Brusseau

PUBLIC PRESENT: Judie Bobbi, Kevin Reich

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Roseanne Amenta

SECONDER: Beth Keplen

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

III. PAYMENTS OF BILLS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Bedbug resolution.

Asphalt from Chatham Court to church parking lot.

Former tenant late payment.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Reich: Thanked Tom for his service as chair at the East Hampton Housing Authority. Recognizing the independence of the East Hampton Housing Authority and not being a town entity, Kevin offered his assistance to the board in acquiring more housing for this demographic.

Fredie Winstanley- 4: Requested a maintenance update, and questioned the use of grant money's to be used for more housing when she perceives there is much improvement needed to the existing housing.

VI. UPDATES & REPORTS

A. MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

- D Building Sidewalk
- Newly painted parking lines at Chatham Court
- Contract in place for Fall cleanup
- Mower is still out for repair due to part on backorder
- Critter digging at Bellwood has been resolved

B. RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR

- Wrapped up Rental Rebates
- Energy Assistance Applications are now being accepted. Taking appointments for those.
- Working with Interns to complete a Bulk Cable Questionnaire to gather data to present to Comcast/Xfinity, the State Chair of Aging and the Attorney General in hopes to rectify situations in which are residents were exploited and to prevent future occurrences for agism and exploitation.

C. COMMISSION ON AGING

The Survey of town residents 65+ is due on October 31st. So far three hundred and thirty have been returned

D. TENANT COMMISSIONER

- none

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Active:

1. CDBG - Jodi Brazal reported the state has begun sign offs on the grant moving it one step further in the process.
2. PROPERTY EXPANSION – Tom reported he and Jodi met informally with town manager David Cox to discuss the adjacent property to Chatham Acres. Steps will be made to contact the property owner.
3. PET POLICY – A motion to amend the current pet policy to include the requirement that all pets must be crated or kenneled during scheduled maintenance visits was made by Eric Gibson and 2nd by Bonnie Berkovich. The motion carried.

B. Tabled:

1. Addition for Chatham Acres (will be moved to our three-year plan)
2. Bids for Bellwood Paving Project – on hold to the town's sewer replacement project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jodi reported the auditors to be in the process of providing a preliminary report. She discussed the State's recommendation to change auditors regularly

2. Insurance, Jodi reported that we are taking quotes from insurance companies who work specifically with housing authorities.
3. Tom reported that Sheryl will be working with the local Lions club to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to residents who wish to have one.
4. Tom, also announced his resignation from the East Hampton Housing Authority

IX. VACANCY REPORT

A. Chatham Acres: 1 Bellwood: 1

Bellwood Court is delayed due to decision from D'Amelia to continue it as an SRAP unit...

X. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:57 pm

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Beth Keplen

SECONDER: Eric Gibson

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Dougherty RSC Cc:

Board Members, Town Manager, and Town Council

