

## EAST HAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6 PM ZOOM

### Call to Order

A Board of Commissioners meeting of the East Hampton Housing Authority was held on 11/17 via Zoom. It began at 6:03pm and was presided over by Eric Gibson.

### Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Roseanne Amenta, Bonnie Berkovich, Eric Gibson and Beth Kelpen

Staff in attendance include Jodi Brazal, Sheryl Dougherty

Staff not in attendance Dion Roccapriore

Residents in attendance included: Patricia Butler, Tim and Cathy Chapman, Kathy Finn, Emmet Flannery, Martin Flannery, Marilyn Gerzabek, Louise Guertin, Alberta Hyland, Fredi Winstanley, Elizabeth Zeitlin

Members of the Public: Judi Bobbi, Kevin Reich, Alison Walck

Unknown: Unidentified Fire Tablet and Unidentified iPhone.

**Nomination of New Chairperson:** None heard, Eric Gibson Vice Chair proceeded

### Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous October meeting was made by Beth and seconded by Bonnie.

### Payments of Bills and Financial Report

Jodi Brazal reported reconciliation has been sent.

Sidewalk paving outside D building at Chatham acres only new item.

### Communications

none

### Public Comment

Kevin Reich reported a successful resolution to community room access and commended Sheryl Dougherty and residents for this.

Sheryl Dougherty clarified the plan has not been finalized as all residents have not had opportunity to provide input, resolution is progressing.

### Updates & Reports

- Maintenance Projects was presented by Jodi Brazal.

The mower has been returned repaired under warranty. Contracted leaf removal will begin the last week of November. Permits are being prepared to be presented for a garage to be built at Bellwood Court replacing loss of storage due to water system.

- Resident Services Coordinator report was presented by Sheryl Dougherty

Energy Assistance Application appointments are open so that will be ongoing the next few months. Coordinating several Thanksgiving food delivery options.

We are extremely grateful to be thought of by the Food Bank who will be delivering food baskets to those who have registered.

The Lions club who has worked with the Dublin in town to deliver hot Thanksgiving meals on Thanksgiving Day to those who have reserved them and the VFW who is providing Thanksgiving Dinners to seniors on Saturday as a dine in or take out opportunity.

I'm moving toward the next step with bulk cable Transition complaint getting ready to present the data I've collected to the attorney general's office.

The 3 interns we have are an amazing help and have several impactful projects they are working on that will be beneficial to the residents.

I'm also working on refining our process of communication to residents through postings, newsletters and in person meetings to ensure there is a dialogue of understanding between us.

As well as, developing with resident input a safe way to open the community room for activities to minimize the isolation they've all experienced for far too long.

- Commission on Aging report was presented by Bonnie Berkovich  
482 responses were received from the Senior needs survey. They are now beginning the process to pull and analyze the data and will then work on how it can be responded to.

- Tenant Commissioner report was presented by Roseanne Amenta  
None

## Old Business

- Active
  - ✓ CDBG – Jodi reported required legal notice being placed in newspaper, no other movement  
Eric Gibson inquired any way to move the process along. Jodi responded other Housing Authorities are in the same position.
  - ✓ Property for Expansion - Jodi reported timing is critical and prime with the recent passing of the infrastructure bill. An email was sent to David Cox, town manager, asking if the Bevin Company has responded to the town's request for possibly purchasing the property behind Chatham Acres. No response has been received.

## New Business –

- ✓ Jodi Reported: Activities being planned for the Holidays, East Hampton High School to provide caroling and the Housing Authority offering a gift raffle that will include all residents receiving prize.
- ✓ New Auditor – reaching out to various companies, we will be requesting three bids
- ✓ New Insurance – currently waiting on a price quote from other companies.

## Vacancy report Chatham Acres: 1

## Adjournment

Roseanne Amenta moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:22pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Sheryl Dougherty