

GREAT BARRINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Board Meeting August 17, 2017

Call to Order at 2:12 PM

Board Members and Employees Present: Ann Condon, Chair; Veronica Cunningham, Treasurer; Vera Cartier, Executive Director; Jesse Mangiardi, Administrative Assistant; Linda Rathbun Administrative Assistant
Tenants: Jackie Sinico, Ann Pruhenski and Annie Bushka

Call to Order at 2:12 PM. The meeting is recorded.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Veronica Cunningham to approve minutes of last meeting. Ann Condon seconded motion, unanimously approved.

Review and Approve Warrant of Bills: The Board reviewed and approved the warrant for checks paid by the Authority in the past month. Motion by Veronica Cunningham to approve the warrants; seconded by Ann Condon, unanimously approved.

Old Business: The Board reported no old business

New Business: Paving for parking area is finished and now the lines need to be painted and handicapped parking needs to be designated.

Executive Director's Report:

Vera reported there were only 2 vacancies both at Flag Rock.

Appreciation for the tenants cooperation with the annual inspections and recertifications.

Vera stated she will be in training on Sept 21st-she will attend 2 classes that day in Franklin, MA.

Today is Jessie Mangiardi's last day, he is leaving for College in Connecticut. New Administrative Assistant has been hired: Linda Rathbun

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Linda's hours will be 9-1 Monday through Friday.

Vera has changed her hours so she will be at Flag Rock Monday, Wednesday and Friday and she will be at Dewey Court Tuesday and Thursday. Linda will always know how to contact Vera.

A home Health Aide came to office as someone left their in the washer and/or in the dryer. She reminded everyone to promptly remove their clothes as there are only 2 washers and 2 dryers.

Ann Condon, Chair made motion to approve Executive Director's report and Veronica Cunningham, Treasurer seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

Citizens's Speak

Jackie Sinico asked Veronica if the Board Members were certified. Veronica responded that the members are all certified annually. Anne Pruhenski brought up the laundry situation suggesting tenants Be more proactive about getting laundry in and out. Jackie Sinico stated The noise from carts and baskets being pushed to the laundry room disturb her quiet time in the evening. Tenants should not leave their clothes in the laundry room overnight. Tenants should be respectful and quiet in the evening so as not to disturb their neighbors. Jessie suggested laundry basket for laundry room. Executive Director will consider this option and investigate the pros and cons.

Annie Bushka wanted to state she had nothing to do with the smoking situation. Rich painted a line so tenants would know where 25 ft from building was. Annie wants to get past this animosity she is receiving from the smoking community. She stated she walks on her deck to look at the flowers and get some air not to monitor the smokers.

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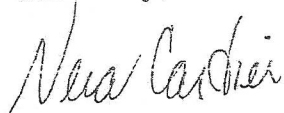
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Veronica Cunningham responded to Annie telling her to see Vera when this situation happens so she does not get emotionally involved.

Ann Condon reminded everyone this is a Board meeting and not the place for this conversation.

Adjournment: Motion by Ann Condon to adjourn meeting at 2:42 PM; seconded by Veronica Cunningham; unanimously approved.

Sincerely,



Vera Cartier
Executive Director

Approved December 21, 2017