

GREAT BARRINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
Special Meeting In-person at Flag Rock Village  
Common Room 2 Bernard Gibbons Dr., Housatonic MA  
Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Attendance Roll Call. Chairman John Grogan opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with Board members John Grogan, Eileen Mooney, Jackie Sinico, and Maureen Meier present, and Phil Orenstein present via Zoom. Also in attendance: Executive Director Tina Danzy, Assistant to Director Madonna Meagher, Maintenance Person Tim O., and tenant Rosemary B.

II. NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE - John G. explained that at the regular meeting on 1/24, the board had voted to approve a disbursement in the amount of \$7,710.64 to purchase and install new cabinets. Due to a contractor estimating error, the vendor, Budget Cabinets, re-submitted a corrected bid of \$10,274.71 which included purchase and installation. Phil O. noted that the new sum was about 25% more than the original estimate. Tina explained that the estimator had omitted one section of the cabinets in the initial estimate, adding that the adjusted bid was still the lowest received. Jackie S. made the motion to approve the new amount of \$10,274.71, which was seconded by John G. The motion passed 5-0.

III. CITIZEN SPEAK

No comments offered.

IV. BOARD AND OTHER COMMENTS

Tina D. reported an urgent situation at Brookside stemming from tree roots interfering with buried sewage pipes. She met onsite with Tom Boyer (EOHLC Construction Advisor) about how to address the problem, and also spoke to Boyer about rehabbing four family units using state money, two at Dewey Court, and two at Flag Rock.

Eileen M. reported having spoken to Tom Beasley, our area's new Veterans Agent, who indicated a desire to speak to the GBHA Executive Director about ways to help tenants who are veterans. Eileen said it is Beasley's intention to do considerable outreach, and that she has provided him with Tina D.'s contact information.

Eileen M. requested that John G. provide a report on the lawyer's comments regarding executive sessions and employees. John agreed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

John motioned to adjourn, Jackie seconded. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.