

Acushnet Housing Authority
23 Main St – Presidential Terrace

Acushnet MA 02743

Regular Meeting

April 24, 2019

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The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Rene Racine presiding.

Roll call of Commissioners found the following present:

Mr. Racine
Mr. Mulvey
Mrs. Sousa
Mr. Gomes
Mr. Brown (absent)

Others Present: Michael Cioper, Lynn Berube, Julie Benedetto, Marie Hardy, Connie Soares

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Gomes and seconded by Mrs. Sousa. The vote was unanimous.

Bills and Communication:

A motion was made by Mrs. Sousa and seconded by Mr. Gomes to accept the March 2019 warrant. The vote was unanimous.

Director's Report:

After the last Board Meeting, Lynn checked with DHCD and reported to the Board that she received approval from DHCD for a five year contract, rather than a three year contract which was approved by the Board during the last Board Meeting. She asked for a vote that would add two additional years. Therefore, a motion was made to rescind the last vote of three years by Mr. Gomes and seconded by Mrs. Sousa. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by to approve Lynn's five year contract by Mr. Mulvey and seconded by Mrs. Sousa. The vote was unanimous.

Mosquito Spraying:

Lynn asked for a vote to have the Mosquito Spraying done. A motion was made by Mr. Mulvey to approve the spraying and seconded by Mrs. Sousa. Motion passed with one opposed.

Air Conditioning Policy:

Mrs. Soares, President of the Tenant Association submitted a letter on behalf of the Tenant Association asking for an extension the Air Condition policy from the current period of 6/1 - 9/30 to 5/23 - 10/15. Lynn showed the Board a timeline of the area temperatures. She also showed an Energy Grant that the Authority received for new doors. A motion was made to keep the Air Conditioner policy the same by Mr. Gomes and seconded by Mr. Mulvey. The vote was unanimous.

Vacancies:

Lynn reported that we have one apartment that is currently being turned over. We have a person on the waiting list for that apartment. A motion was made by Mr. Mulvey and seconded by Mrs. Sousa to accept the Directors Report. The vote was unanimous.

Maintenance Report:

Mike reported that in addition to normal maintenance, a hot water tank let go on Garfield St. on Saturday and was replaced on Monday. Lynn interjected that while we are still renting Garfield St. to the Dept. of Mental Health, they are switching their programs. The people that are residing there now are moving elsewhere and there will be a new program in that building.

Mike has been landscaping, as the polls were put in by the fence company. The electrician was here working on the generator switch. The door project is out for bid. The DPW raised the manhole covers. DHCD came out to get a work order started for the vinyl siding and fire alarms. A motion was made by Mrs. Sousa and seconded by Mr. Gomes to accept the Maintenance Report. The vote was unanimous.

Tenants Comments:

No comments made.

Next Meeting Time and Date:

The next regular meeting will be held May 15, 2019

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting on a motion made by Mr. Mulvey and seconded by Mr. Gomes. The vote was unanimous

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