

*Acushnet Housing Authority
23 Main St – Presidential Terrace
Acushnet MA 02743
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2020*

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The meeting opened at 11:30 a.m. with Chairman Rene Racine presiding.

The following were present:

Mr. Racine
Mrs. Sousa
Mr. Gomes
Ms. Von jess (absent)
Mr. Brown

Others Present: Michael Cioper, Lynn Berube, Julie Benedetto, Maria Branco, Vanessa Chaput and Daniel Ramos.

Minutes:

The minutes of the June 2020 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 Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Gomes to accept the June warrant. The vote was unanimous.

Director's Report:

Mosquito Spraying:

Lynn reported that some tenants have expressed interest to have outdoor spraying. She asked for a vote to hire Mosquito Squad to spray. She would like to look into the cost for a sprayer for ourselves, as it will save the authority money in the long run.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sousa and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the spraying. Mr. Gomes was against it. He would be in favor of spraying if a natural environmentally safe spray that is not harmful to bees is available.

Mr. Brown amended his motion to approve the first treatment and then if an Environmentally Safe Spray is available, we will use it going forward. We will inquire if Mosquito Squad offers that as an option. A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Gomes to hire Mosquito Squad to spray. The vote was unanimous.

Corona Virus Update

DHCD continues to advise us to do emergency work orders only.

New Construction:

New construction is still on hold.

Vacancies:

We have vacancies and are following the guidelines.

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Office Business

In addition to our usual work, year end is approaching and we will be working on that.

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Community Center

The Center remains closed with the exception of the laundry room which is by appointment only.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Gomes to accept the Directors Report. The vote was unanimous.

Maintenance Report:

Mike reported that in addition to normal maintenance, he has been working on the vacant apartments. He is continuing to take 'emergency only' work orders. A motion was made to accept the Maintenance Report by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Gomes. The vote was unanimous.

Tenant Comments:

Some of the tenants voiced their concerns about mosquitos and mosquito spraying.

Next Meeting Time and Date:

The next regular meeting will be held August 19, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting on a motion made by Mrs. Sousa and seconded by Mr. Gomes at 11:46 am. The vote was unanimous.

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Lynn S. Berube

Executive Director