

*Acushnet Housing Authority
23 Main St – Presidential Terrace
Acushnet MA 02743*

*Regular Meeting
April 27th, 2022*

The meeting opened at 11:00 a.m. with Chairman Rene Racine presiding.

The following were present:

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

Others Present: Michael Cioper, Lynn Berube, Nancy Ludwig, Cathi Martin, Sue Ponsart, Carol Cole, Vanessa Chaput, Linda Mello, Donat Desrocher, Connie Soares, Jean Eaton, Maria Branco, and Maryann Nelson

Minutes:

The minutes of the March 17th Regular Meeting were approved to table on a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. von Jess. The vote was unanimous.

The Fy2023 Special Meeting minutes were approved to table on a motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms.von Jess. The vote was unanimous.

Bills and Communication:

Director's Report:

Update On Day-to-Day Activities- The Director reported that office is doing well in catching up with business. She also reported the Board has received a letter of resignation from the tenant board member and there is an opening. A letter will be going out to all tenants notifying them there is a board opening and the channels to take to apply for seat.

- A. Lynn asked for the compensation owed to her for the construction project hours she put in. A motion was made to except the 27.75 hours owed to the Director by Ms. von Jess and seconded by Mr. Brown. The vote was unanimous.
- B. A letter from the Electric Commission was discussed and the possibility of DHCD switching over to all electric and doing away with gas.
- C. Lynn discussed options for replacing the laundry machines due to not being able to repair the ones we own. She ran thru the information on buying vs. renting, and the benefits of renting. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to try renting the laundry machines and seconded by Ms.von Jess. The vote was unanimous.

D. The Board reviewed and approved to update of the following policies

1. Common Areas:
2. Alcoholic Beverages:
3. Smoking Policy:
4. Trash
5. Hallways and Porches

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms.von Jess to accept the revised policies. The vote was unanimous.

Board Vote to Approve the 2023 Revised Capital Plan using the Arpa Funding in the Amount of 75,000.00:

The board voted to approve adding the 75,000.00 to the 2023 annual plan. A motion was made by Mr. Brown in favor and seconded by Ms.von Jess. The vote was unanimous.

Maintenance Report:

Mike reported that in addition to normal maintenance, he has been working on the vacant apartment, which is the only vacancy as of date. There was also a bathroom emergency, and he has been working with an electrician on wiring. A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. von Jess to accept the maintenance report. The vote was unanimous.

Tenant Comments:

The tenants expressed their concerns about the policy changes.

Next Meeting Time and Date:

The next regular meeting will be held May 18th, 2022 @ 11:00 am

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting @12:22pm by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. von Jess. The vote was unanimous.

Recorded and prepared by:
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Executive Director

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