

SUFFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

The Housing Authority of the Town of Suffield held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at Maple Court 81 Bridge Street: the date and time duly established.

Mr. Carson called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM

The following members were present:

Mr. Jonathan Carson, Chairman

Mr. Mark Messenger, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Jacqueline Marien, Secretary

Mrs. Kathy Remington, Treasurer

Mr. Larry Magoon, Tenant Representative

Also present were Mrs. Kerry O'Brien, Executive Director, Mrs. Debra S. Krut, and Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Mr. Carson asked if there were Public Comments. There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Mrs. Remington moved, Mr. Messenger seconded and so Voted: To approve the minutes of the meeting of the May 11, 2021.

VOTE: Unanimous

BILLS

Mr. Magoon moved, Mr. Messenger seconded and so Voted: to approve the bills presented which represented the expenses and expenditures of the Housing Authority for the billing period of June 2021.

VOTE: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Three new applications for housing were reviewed and will be placed on file.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mrs. O'Brien told the board that we will need to think about what they want to do as far as replacing/repairing our current split heating/ac units. The plan is to apply for the next CDBG and replace

all of them with the new units, however until that time we are seeing some break down. Currently we have one needing replacement and are looking into how much that will cost.

Mrs. O'Brien presented a change to the gardening policy that would effect new tenants and current tenants not wishing to have a garden at their unit. Currently tenants are allowed to make a garden with in a 3 foot area of their unit. Although this is nice when that tenant moves it leaves a burden on the Housing Authority to up keep it if the new tenant does not wish to. As grassing to the building would lead to some issues we are considering using landscape stone and allowing tenants to pot flowers/vegetables in pots. Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. O'Sullivan are planning to do this landscape outside one of the units and present to the board for more thoughts next month.

MAINTENANCE: Mr. O'Sullivan reported no issues to the board and stated its business as usual.

REPORT FROM THE TENANT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Magoon brought a tenant question to the board. Said tenant wanted to know why they can't wash their cars when others use water to water gardens. The board discussed several pros and cons but ultimately decided to up hold the lease and say no to car washing. Among those things discussed were things like no adequate space for all to use and safety concerns regarding hoses over walk ways and spray getting onto other vehicles or persons.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there wasn't any further business to bring before the Board, Mr. Magoon motioned and Mr. Messenger seconded and so Voted: to adjourn this meeting at 7:15 PM. VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Marien, Secretary
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