HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 18, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Town of Colchester was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Janet LaBella

Denise Salmoiraghi

Kate Forcier

Commissioners Absent:

Marion Spaulding

Michael Dankiw

Others Present:

Brian Gustafson, Executive Director

Robert Gustafson

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Salmoiraghi moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Forcier. All Commissioners voted in favor. So, moved.

Approval of Financial Statements:

Commissioner Salmoiraghi moved to approve the bills lists; seconded by Commissioner Forcier. All commissioners voted in favor. So, moved.

Public Comments:

Mr. Pratt, from #29 at Dublin Village, asked about the yellow tape and why he couldn't drive his scooter on the grass. He also asked about grocery carriages that other tenants keep leaving by the side door to the community room. He commented on there being no ramp by the laundry room, despite there being two other accessible doors, one being the location of the new ramp near the mailboxes, into the building. He also said he was in trouble because he threw trash over the guardrail, but also stated he picked up some after he received the notice. He also requested the area below the retaining wall be trimmed.

Additions to the Agenda:

Commissioner Forcier made a motion to add to the agenda an executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Salmoiraghi. All commissioners voted in favor. So, moved.

Communications:

Communication continued with all parties involved with the SSHP grant. The architect conducted an inspection on July 20, 2022 to complete a final punch list.

Communication was received from the Ledyard Housing Authority regarding a reference for the contractor, DEF.

Director's report:

The management plan and ERAP budget were approved by CHFA on June 23, 2022. ERAP funding was received for the first half of the ERAP fiscal year in August.

Mr. Brian Gustafson reported on the vacancies and the work required to prepare them for lease up.

He also reported on a large number of residents of Breed's Tavern having considerable past due balances. One tenant is behind quite a substantial amount but never completed his portion of a UniteCT application so has been denied funding. He also reported he has received questions from Breed's Tavern residents about whether they are still a co-op or not. He will try again to reach Mike Santoro, of DOH.

Tenant Commissioner's Report:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Executive Session:

Commissioner Forcier moved to enter into an executive session; seconded by Commissioner Salmoiraghi. All Commissioners present voted in favor; so, moved.

Commissioners' Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Forcier moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Salmoiraghi. All Commissioners present voted in favor; so, moved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kala Francis Page

Kate Forcier

Secretary