

## GREAT BARRINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Board Meeting  
September 15, 2016  
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Needelman, Ann Condon, Ronnie Cunningham, Nan Wile

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Executive Director Barbara Heaphy,  
Tenants: Jackie Sinico, Marlene Koloski, Annmarie Bushka, Kay Lord, Jane Green

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Needelman at 2:16 p.m.

### **Citizens Speak:**

Annie Bushka thanked Barbara for posting the minutes. She thanked Rich and Barbara for the new floor in the elevator and the strip of sand paint on the second floor deck at Flagrock. Everyone seems happier.

Marlene Koloski stated that tires were delivered by Rich, approved by Barbara, to her daughter Sarai's private property. The tires were in the back yard of her daughter's apartment at Flagrock when she moved in. She said, bringing tires to her daughter's property is trespassing, illegal dumping. Her daughter is speaking to her lawyer who will take care of it. Marlene wondered why her daughter wasn't asked via email, if they were her tires. It was not handled professionally.

Barbara stated that Rich spoke to Chris Liebenow, husband of Sarai, who said that everything in that back yard, including the tires, would be removed. Marlene said there could be legal action taken. Criminal charges may be filed.

Marlene asked about the status of Sarai's electric bills. Barbara will look at the electric bills and when she has an answer, will communicate with Sarai, via email.

### **Minutes:**

After a few grammatical corrections, motion made by Ronnie, seconded by Ann to accept the August Minutes. All members voted in favor.

### **Check Register:**

After Barbara answered questions about the check register, motion made by Ronnie, seconded by Nan to accept the August check register. All members voted in favor.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Barbara reported on applications on file. Accounts receivable is high partly because some tenants get their Social Security checks later in the month. Late rent reminders have gone out. Tenants who left owing haven't been located. Tenants holding rent are legal issues being addressed by an attorney and DHCD.

### **Dewey Court:**

The three bedroom unit has been occupied as of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Dewey Court is 100% occupied.

### **Barbara answered questions asked at Citizen's Speak:**

Marlene Koloski had the harassment issue and it was agreed that further discussion would involve a third party.

### **Health Department Update:**

Jayne Smith, GB Health Agent, reinspected #13 and noted the bathroom fan was working. She suggested sealing off the old fan and washing wall area to check if it was from the previous issue. If it reappears, it will be addressed. Recommendations were completed. Tenant moved out. The apartment was reinspected by Rich and

Barbara with no reoccurring mold in bathroom.

Annie Bushka's Letter:

Minutes will be posted tomorrow with corrections.

The slippery floor on the deck was repainted with a stain that had been mixed with a grit (ground walnut shells).

The elevator floor was replaced.

Roofs at Brookside:

Roofs on buildings 2 and 3 will be replaced before winter. The job will go out to bid.

RCAT:

Barbara and Rich met briefly with the Regional Capital Assistance Team (RCAT) director, Phaldie Taliep. He will assist the Housing Authority with capital projects including the bathroom fans at Brookside and the design phase of the walkways and parking lot at Flagrock Village. When looking at the Flagrock parking area and sidewalks, he noticed a grading issue that would have to be addressed by a civil engineer.

Motion made by Nan, seconded by Ronnie to accept the Executive Director's Report. All members voted in favor.

WIFI Update:

Nan spoke about getting a senior internet rate with Charter, the new cable company. She spoke to a representative who said he would review her information and get back to her.

Trees at Brookside:

Tree city of America, tree committee adopts projects around town. Nan wrote to them about trees along Rte. 7 for sound barriers. Board answered and is very interested in the project. Nan will attend their next meeting.

Jane Green spoke about getting some PR out about Flagrock Village. It's got a bad reputation. Barbara said that the project manager who recently came out, mentioned how nice the property is as do most visitors in Barbara's experience. Nan suggested that positive letters be written to the newspaper.

Jackie mentioned that cans for weights preventing birds' nests in light at Flagrock should not be removed by anyone. Tenants will be notified of this in early spring.

CPC:

Nan reported that Bostwick Gardens has submitted a proposal to build additional unit and was approved in round one. Also, a trust fund was proposed for more affordable housing in the town.

Motion made by Ronnie, seconded by Nan to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. All members voted in favor.

Next meeting is October 20, 2016 at Flagrock.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Heaphy  
Secretary