

GREAT BARRINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Board Meeting

March 2, 2017

Minutes

The Great Barrington Housing Authority board met in open session at 1PM in the Community Room at Flagrock Village. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nan Wile at 1:01 PM.

PRESENT: Nan Wile, Ann Condon, Ronnie Cunningham, Josh Risen

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim Executive Director Jon Hite

Residents: Ann Pruhenski, Jane Green, Jackie Sinico, Sue Ball, Annmarie Bushka,

Public: Eileen Mooney (Newsletter), Michelle Loubert, Ann Krominski.

Chair announced the purpose of the meeting to approve a contract for a consultant to serve as the Interim Executive Director of the GBHA.

VOTE To hire Jon Hite as Interim Executive Director of the Authority and to authorize the Chair to sign, on behalf of the Authority, a Management Services Agreement with Mr. Hite.

Signed and witnessed, the Agreement is to be submitted to DHCD for approval.

A motion to so approve by Ronnie Cunningham, seconded by Josh Risen, unanimously approved.

Board expressed appreciation that DHCD was authorizing the position and that Mr. Hite was available to respond quickly to get started at the GBHA. He will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays and available for conversation with tenants on those days. The Board members will share office hours Monday through Friday 9am – 12 pm.

Citizen Speak:

Jackie Sinico would like to meet with Mr. Hite either Tuesday or Thursday after 11 AM. Mr. Hite indicated that he was looking forward to the meeting.

Sue Ball indicated that she was waiting for Maintenance to provide her with two window shades.

Ann Pruhenski thanked the Authority for replacing stove. Expressed her frustration with the drug dealing and alcohol abuse at her apartment complex.

Residents complimented work of Scott, new part-time maintenance worker.

Annmarie Bushka and Michelle Loubert asked that the Board establish a procedure for notification to residents of Board Meetings. Wile and Mr. Hite indicated that they would work on a notification procedure. Agreed any public statement of procedure is public record and becomes in effect legal commitment and must be adhered to.

Comments made that bulletin board is badly situated for board meeting and property notices. Suggested it should be organized and out of date posting be removed.

Eileen Mooney (Newsletter) asked about the status of the Search for the new Executive Director. Board member Risen stated that the Committee has reduced the applicant pool and that finalists would be announced within several weeks. Mooney then asked for update on Dewey Court and for copy of agreement. Chair volunteered there is a delay in moving forward with MOU between GBHA and BCRHA concerning management of the property in Sheffield. Resolution depends on further conversations and final negotiation with two parties and DHCD.

Ms. Condon moved to adjourn. By Ms. Cunningham seconded, vote unanimous to close.

Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

Submitted by Jon Hite, Interim Executive Director