



Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

Housing Authority

Date: 2023-03-06

Time: 530 PM

Building:

Reading Housing Authority Administration

Location: Community Room

Address: 22 Frank Tanner Drive

Session: Open Session

Purpose: Regular Board Meeting

Version: Final

Attendees: Members - Present:

Meeting held in persona and via zoom. Members in attendance where Chair Diane Cohen, Vice Chair Charlie Adams, Marie Hanson, Timothy Kelley. Margaret Donnelly Moran entered the meeting at 6:00PM.

Members - Not Present:

Others Present:

Executive Director; Kathryn Gallant, Danna Heggarty, Diana Carter, Anita Roman, Debbie Davidson, Bob Levy, Doris Doucette, Jayne Lee, Grace O'Leary, Norma McSheehey, Carol Logan, Lee Caizzi, Karen Herrick.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By: Kathryn Gallant

Topics of Discussion:

Chair Diane Cohen called to order at 5:32pm.

Motion 23-52: To approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular Business meeting and to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 special Board Meeting.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson

Motion 23-53:

To approve the Payroll Register for January 2023 as presented.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson

Motion 23-54

To approve the check-roll/bill roll for February Accounts Payable checks numbered 9327-9357 as presented.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson

Motion 23-55

To approve the Section 8 Voucher Program wire transfer for March 2023 in the amount of \$175,514.40 as presented.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson

Motion 23-56

Move to approve the operating statement for the month of October 2022 as presented.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson

Motion 23-57

Move to approve the operating statement for the month November 2022 as presented.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson

Motion 23-58

Move to approve the operating statement for the month December 2022 as presented.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson

Executive Director Kathryn Gallant provided an update on recent discussions with the Town of Reading on the potential transfer of a parcel of land located on Oakland Road. Vice Chair Charlie Adams discussed that RHA would be supporting the Town on an application for a Housing Planning Production grant and that a meeting would be scheduled with Town staff and Mass Housing to discuss the application process. Both Charlie Adams and Margaret Donnelly Moran plan to participate in this meeting.

Executive Director Kathryn Gallant also spoke of the Metro housing forum hosted by RHA for residents of the Minot Street property who are being displaced by new management. Eight of the twelve residents were provided with information on applying for housing programs, rent arrearage programs, moving expense assistance and tenant rights information.

Other updates included recent and upcoming resident services activities such as the February and March craft workshops, working with residents on Mass Health Renewals, Reading PD and Middlesex Sheriff SCAM prevention clinic and upcoming Fall prevention information session.

Selectboard member Karen Herrick discussed opportunities for seniors through the senior center and encourage residents to reach out to her if they had difficulties engaging town services such as the RIDE.

Motion 23-59

To adjourn at 6:27pm.

Moved: Timothy Kelley Seconded: Marie Hanson