

BILLERICA HOUSING AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE
BILLERICA HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 13, 2024
IN THE
CAROL A. FORD COMMUNITY BUILDING
16 RIVER STREET
COMMON ROOM

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CALL TO ORDER:

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chair John Saulnier reminded all that the meeting was being audio and video recorded. Chair Saulnier then called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM noting Commissioner O'Rourke, Commissioner Conway, Commissioner O'Donnell and Chair Saulnier were present and a quorum was thereby established. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

The Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2024 were presented. Commissioner O'Donnell motioned to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2024 Meeting as submitted. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Conway. Hearing no questions and with the motion having been made and seconded, Chair Saulnier called for a vote. The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote (4-0-0).

CORRESPONDENCE:

The letter to Ms. Moschner, relative to the Board of Commissioner appointment, was noted by the Executive Director and placed on file.

The Certificate of Recognition, from the Board of Commissioners, presented to the BHA's eldest resident,

Ms. Laura Gallagher, on her 95th birthday celebration on May 19, 2024 was read and placed on file.

REPORTS:

The **Investment Accounts Report**, as of June 1, 2024 was presented by the Executive Director. Hearing no questions, Chair Saulnier directed the report be accepted and placed on file.

The **Payment of Bills Report**, for the period of 5/1/2024 through 5/31/24, was presented by the Executive Director. A brief discussion ensued. Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner O'Rourke, motioned to approve the 5/1/2024 to 5/31/24 Payment of Bills Report. Hearing no questions, Chair Saulnier called for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0-0) on a voice vote.

The **Section 8 Voucher Payment Report**, for June 2024, was presented by the Executive Director. Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner O'Rourke, motioned to approve and authorize payment for the June 2024 Section 8 Vouchers in the amount of \$84,184.80. Hearing no questions, Chair Saulnier called for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0-0) on a voice vote.

Executive Director Correnti presented the **Fee Accountant's Report** as of May 31, 2024. Following a brief discussion, Chair Saulnier directed the **Fee Accountant's Report**, as of May 31, 2024, be accepted and placed on file.

The **May 2024 Payroll Report** was presented by the Executive Director. Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner O'Rourke, motioned to approve the **May 2024 Payroll Report**. Hearing no questions, Chair Saulnier called for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0-0) on a voice vote.

Executive Director Correnti reviewed the **June 1, 2024 Vacancy Report**. Hearing no questions, Chair Saulnier directed the **Vacancy Report**, dated 6/1/2024, be accepted and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Prior to reviewing his report, Executive Director Correnti noted two items that developed subsequent to posting the Agenda. As neither item requires a vote, Executive Director Correnti publicly updated the Board on both items.

The first concerns AgeSpan's celebration of their Fiftieth Anniversary. AgeSpan noted this milestone with a booklet titled "The Power, Value and Voices of Older Adults."

In this remarkable group, AgeSpan recognized Marguerite (Kathy) Gould of our Talbot Apartments. After reading AgeSpan's recognition of Ms. Gould, Executive Director Correnti and the Board congratulated her on the recognition.

The second development was the successful approval of separate "Inbound" and an "Outbound" Bus Stops at the Talbot Apartments. Talbot resident AnneMarie Haumann had spoken with LRTA's ADA contact regarding her problems with the LRTA. Billerica's LRTA Representative, Andrew Jennings, subsequently contacted the Executive Director. The BHA advised Mr. Jennings that it strongly supports the Bus Stops for Talbot residents. Two onsite meetings were held with Billerica's LRTA Representative and the locations were determined. Billerica's DPW installed the poles for both Bus Stops the morning of the Board's meeting. The LRTA will install signage in the coming days. Having these designated Bus Spots will certainly assist Talbot residents using the LRTA.

Executive Director Correnti then reviewed his Report. He provided the Board with copies of the Judgements for both Housing Court cases. He reviewed the Judgements in favor of the BHA. Both were Judgements for Possession with the execution stayed pending compliance with certain terms. The balance of his report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

OPEN MIC:

Chair Saulnier reminded all of the Open Mic Policy.

Resident Deb Meehan was recognized by Chair Saulnier. She indicated she had spoken with an Assistant Attorney General of the Commonwealth relative to the Agenda. She also noted that 13 River Street and Talbot Apartments did not have postings of the Agenda. Chair Saulnier indicated this would be reviewed and requested the contact information of the Assistant Attorney General be provided.

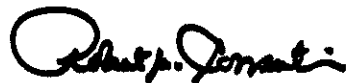
The second resident, Lew Martakos, was recognized. He stated he is happy living in the BHA.

The last individual recognized by the Chair was Ms. Dina Favreau, Vice Chair of the Billerica Select Board. She noted she was recently appointed as Billerica's representative on NMCOG and is looking into affordable housing availability. A discussion ensued relative to Housing Vouchers and various programs. Executive Director Correnti suggested Ms. Favreau email him offering to forward the email along to our contact at the Dedham Housing Authority which manages our vouchers.

ADJOURN:

There being no other items for discussion, Chair Saulnier then requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Conway, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chair Saulnier called for a vote. The motion was approved (4-0-0) on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Correnti
Executive Director/Secretary