

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Groton Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners
January 20, 2021
7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.
 - .. MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Black, Member
Daniel Emerson, Treasurer
Leslie Colt, Asst. Treasurer
 - .. MEMBERS ABSENT: Deirdre Slavin-Mitchell,
 - .. OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Larrabee, Executive Director, The Groton Channel,
John Sopica (Groton Resident interested in affordable housing)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment at this meeting.

3. CHECK REGISTER:
 - .. NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2020: A motion was made by Daniel Emerson and seconded by Leslie Colt to put off approving the check registers for November & December 2020 because most Commissioners were not able to read through them. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:
 - .. DHCD CONSOLIDATED 4001 PROGRAMS ENDING 10/31/2020, 11/30/2020 & December 31, 2020: A motion was made by Daniel Emerson and seconded by Leslie Colt to put off approving the DHCD Consolidated 4001 financial statements for the periods ending 10/31/2020, 11/30/2020, and 12/31/2020 because not all Commissioners were able to read through the financial statements. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.
 - .. SANDY POND ROAD PROGRAM ENDING 10/31/2020, 11/30/2020, and 12/31/2020: A motion was made by Daniel Emerson and seconded by Leslie Colt to put off approving the Sandy Pond Road financial statements for period ending 10/31/2020, 11/30/2020, and 12/31/2020 because not all Commissioners were able to read through the financial statements. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.

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.. STILL MEADOW PROGRAM ENDING 10/31/2020, 11/30/2020 and 12/31/2020: A motion was made by Daniel Emerson and seconded by Leslie Colt to put off approving the Still Meadow Program financial statements for the period ending 10/31/2020, 11/30/2020, and 12/31/2020 because some Commissioners were not able to read the statements before the meeting. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

.. NOVEMBER 18, 2020 REGULAR MEETING: A motion was made by Leslie Colt and seconded by Daniel Emerson to approve the minutes from our November 18, 2020 regular meeting. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

.. DISCUSS AND APPROVE SUPPORT FOR SITE ASSESSMENT STUDY THROUGH THE TOWN OF GROTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST: Fran Stanley spoke to the Board about a study that the AHT would like to do to assess land sites for possible development of affordable housing. Ms. Stanley previously provided the Board Members with a list of those sites. A motion was made by Daniel Emerson and seconded by Leslie Colt to support the Site Assessment Study through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.

.. DISCUSS AND APPROVE SUPPORT FOR CPA FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO PAY FRAN STANLEY'S SALARY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORK: The Executive Director told the Board that Becky Pine, Select Board Member had reached out to her to ask that we write a letter supporting that Fran Stanley's salary be continued to be paid through CPA funds for the affordable housing work that Ms. Stanley does for the Town of Groton. A motion was made by Leslie Colt and seconded by Daniel Emerson to write a letter of support to the CPC asking that CPA continue to be used to pay Ms. Stanley's salary. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

.. BOARD MEMBER SEARCH: The Executive Director asked the Board if they had made any progress on finding a Board Member. So far none have found a person willing to take the job. They said they will continue to search for a new member, however they are hopeful that John Sopica may decide to join the Board.

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.. COVID-19 UPDATE: The Executive Director told the Board that the staff continues to sanitize on a regular basis.

.. UPDATE FROM DON BLACK REGARDING THE NASHUA ROAD PROPERTY: Mr. Black said with Town Hall closed right now he has not talked much to Town Officials about the transfer of the 8-acre parcel of land on Nashua Road to the Groton Housing Authority. He feels meeting about land should be talked about in person. He also mentioned that the transfer of land would need to be approved at town meeting. Mr. Black said he was willing to move forward with this if the Board was still in agreement. Daniel Emerson and Leslie Colt said that they were still in agreement. Mr. Black said that the parcel of land is a good piece of land. Daniel Emerson thinks it is great that the land could be used and again encouraged Mr. Black to move forward. John Sopica wanted to know if the GHA could do due diligence before the transfer takes place to make sure the land meets our needs. Mr. Black said the parcel is adjacent to other homes so he is almost certain it will meet our needs.

8. OTHER BUSINESS AS NEEDED: None discussed at this meeting.

**AT 7:50 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY LESLIE COLT AND SECONDED BY DANIEL EMERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE VOTE WAS BLACK = AYE, EMERSON = AYE AND COLT = AYE. THERE WERE NO NAY VOTES. THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 7:00 PM VIA GO TO MEETING.