

Minutes of a Regular Meeting  
Groton Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners  
March 24, 2021  
7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
  - .. MEMBERS PRESENT: Deirdre Slavin-Mitchell  
Don Black, Member  
Daniel Emerson, Treasurer  
Leslie Colt, Asst. Treasurer
  - .. MEMBERS ABSENT: None
  - .. OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Larrabee, Executive Director, The Groton Channel,
  
2. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment at this meeting.
  
3. CHECK REGISTER:
  - .. JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021: A motion was made by Don Black and seconded by Daniel Emerson to approve the check registers for January and February 2021. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE, Mitchell = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.
  
4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: NO STATEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING
  
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - .. JANUARY 20, 2021 REGULAR MEETING: A motion was made by Don Black and seconded by Leslie Colt to approve the minutes from our January 20, 2021 regular meeting. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE, and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes, but Mitchell abstained.
  
6. NEW BUSINESS:
  - .. COVID-19 UPDATE: The Executive Director told the Board that we had our first vaccination clinic on March 16, 2021. She told them it went very well, and we got many compliments on how well the clinic was run.

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.. NASHUA ROAD INFORMATION: Don Black reported to the Board that the Nashua Road project went from simple too cumbersome in nature. He had a conversation with the Select Board and the Affordable Housing Trust about why we want to develop on the land. Article 18 was drafted to have the parcel of land across from ours turned over to us and then Don received a call from Town Manager Mr. Haddad asking us if we would consider withdrawing the article or indefinitely postponing it. Don said that if we withdraw or postpone the article then we would like the Right of First Refusal on the land. He said as of Monday he had not heard anything. He said if we do not get the Right of First Refusal on the land then Article 18 will get reinstated. He also mentioned that he had a conversation with the abutter to the land and feels that they are more inclined to have us use the property rather than anyone else. Don also explained that he was in conversation with Steve Joncas of Common Ground Development who tells us that it will likely take about 4 years to break ground on a project. Don said it is important that we keep trying to move forward with this since our goal is to take care of our own seniors and low-income families more so than any of the other groups looking to develop.

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. Daniel Emerson said he will reach out to John Sopika to see if he continues to be interested in joining us.

8. OTHER BUSINESS AS NEEDED:

.. FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL PLAN: The Executive Director presented our Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Plan to the Board Members. There were no substantial comments or questions made on our plan. A motion was made by Don Black and seconded by Leslie Colt to accept the FY 2022 Annual Plan as presented. The vote was Black = AYE, Emerson = AYE, Mitchell = AYE and Colt = AYE. There were no NAY votes.

\*\*AT 8:06 PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANIEL EMERSON AND SECONDED BY DON BLACK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE VOTE WAS BLACK = AYE, EMERSON = AYE, MITCHELL = AYE AND COLT = AYE. THERE WERE NO NAY VOTES. THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021, 7:00 PM VIA GO TO MEETING.