

AMHERST HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 27, 2009
ANN WHALEN COMMUNITY ROOM
33 KELLOGG AVE.
AMHERST, MA

Members of the Amherst Housing Authority met in regular session on Monday April 27, 2009 in the community room of Ann Whalen Apartments. The Chair, P. Jessop, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Brooks, J. Haggerty, P. Jessop, J. Logan, R. Phillips

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: D. Crabtree, S. O’Keeffe, A. Root, H. Link, B. Kelly, P. Michkin

AGENDA ADOPTION/CHANGES: Upon motion of J. Brooks, seconded by R. Phillips, it was voted to adopt the agenda.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Upon motion of R. Phillips, seconded by J. Haggerty, it was voted to defer approval of accounts payable until the next regular meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Upon motion of J. Brooks, seconded by R. Phillips, it was voted 3-0 with two abstentions to approve the minutes of March 23, 2009.

TENANT CONCERNS: ANN WHALEN APARTMENTS: A. Root and other residents of Ann Whalen Apartments presented information about plans for the community room. They include repainting the walls, installing art work and track lighting, and replacing or reupholstering chairs. The residents will complete their plans by June 15th and make a presentation to the Board after that date. **SMOKING AT CHESTNUT COURT:** D. Crabtree informed members that she received a request to discuss smoking from a Chestnut Court resident. Members asked that the issue be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting and that staff prepare recommendations for discussion. A. Root stated that Ann Whalen Tenant Organization had a committee composed of smokers and non smokers that is discussing that matter. **WELLNESS PROGRAM:** D. Crabtree recommended that Apartment #80 be returned for residential use. The Wellness Program advisory committee voted to return the apartment to the Housing Authority because it was underutilized.

STATE BUDGET: Members reviewed a notice from the Massachusetts chapter of the National Organizations of Housing and Redevelopment Organizations (NAHRO) concerning the FY2010 operating budget requests for Housing Authorities. Members volunteered to contact our State Representative concerning the matter.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: Upon motion of J. Brooks, seconded by R. Phillips, it was voted to award the contract for roof replacement at Chestnut Court Apartments, John C. Nutting Apartments, and Stanley Street to the lowest bidder Meadows Construction Co. in the amount of \$164,700.00 pending approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract.

ADJOURN: Upon motion of R. Phillips, seconded by J. Brooks, it was voted to adjourn the meeting until Thursday May 21, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the community room of Jean Elder House, 9 Chestnut Street, Amherst, MA.