

AMHERST HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 2010
ANN WHALEN COMMUNITY ROOM
33 KELLOGG AVE. AMHERST, MA

Members of the Amherst Housing Authority met in regular session on Monday October 18, 2010 in the community room of Ann Whalen Community Room, 33 Kellogg Ave. Amherst, MA. The Chair, P. Jessop, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: P. Bobrowski, P. Jessop, C. Kruger (left early), J. Logan (arrived late)

ABSENT: J. Haggerty

ALSO PRESENT: D. Crabtree, N. Schroeder, D. Turgeon, A. Root, B. Crossman, T. VonDaniken, B. Renault, M. Hough, K. Fisher, J. Skogland, M. Kazonis, J. Sanctuary

AGENDA ADOPTION/CHANGES: D. Crabtree requested that Question 2 on the November ballot concerning MGL chapter 40B and the checking signing process be added to the agenda. Upon motion of P. Bobrowski, seconded by C. Kruger, it was voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-AMENDMENT: P. Bobrowski moved to authorize approval of the contract amendment for Capital Improvement for state aided housing work plan 1017, project 008039 for housing program 705. C. Kruger seconded the motion which, upon roll call, was approved by a vote of 3 to 0.

WAIVER REQUEST-MASTER FILE LEDGER FOR STATE AIDED HOUSING: Upon motion of C. Kruger, seconded by P. Bobrowski, it was voted to request a waiver of the master file ledger requirement from the Department of Communities and Development.

CONTRACT APPROVAL-TOWN OF AMHERST: P. Bobrowski moved to approve the contract with the Town of Amherst for Olympia Drive Housing Modernization in the amount of \$363,846.00 from Community Development Block Grant Program as amended. C. Kruger seconded the motion which, upon roll call, was approved by a vote of 3 to 0.

NOVEMBER BALLOT QUESTION #2: Upon motion of P. Bobrowski, seconded by J. Logan, it was voted to support a no vote for Question #2 which proposes changes to MGL Chapter 40B. P. Jessop will forward this information on to the Amherst Board of Selectmen.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Upon motion of P. Bobrowski, seconded by J. Logan, it was voted to approve the minutes of September 22, 2010.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Upon motion of P. Bobrowski, seconded by J. Logan, it was voted to defer approval of the accounts payable until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

TENANT CONCERNS: ANN WHALEN TENANT ORGANIZATION: N. Schroeder informed Commissioners and others present that tenants may form a new tenant organization and submit by-laws to the Board of Commissioners asking for recognition. All tenants residing at Ann Whalen Apartments have been notified.

SECTION 8 PROGRAM INFORMATION: ROLLING GREEN APARTMENTS: D. Crabtree and D. Turgeon stated that the staff continues to work with the Rolling Green manager to resolve the rent increase request issue. **PROGRAM SHORTFALL:** D. Turgeon informed members that it appears, at this point, that the program will have enough funds to pay for Housing Assistance Contracts through the end of the calendar year. She stated that she will continue to closely monitor the situation with G. DePace, AHA accountant and keep members updated about the issue.

CHECK SIGNING: P. Bobrowski and P. Jessop prefer email notices when checks need signatures. D. Crabtree will work with staff to establish a schedule for check preparation.

ADJOURN: Upon motion of P. Bobrowski, seconded by P. Jessop, it was voted to adjourn the meeting until Monday November 22, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the community room of Jean Elder House, 9 Chestnut Street, Amherst, MA.