

**MARSHFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY
17 TEA ROCK GARDENS
MARSHFIELD, MA 02050
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING, May 2, 2023, 5:00PM**

A Regular Meeting of the Marshfield Housing Authority was duly called and held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and upon a call of the roll, the following Commissioners were found Present and Absent:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Kevin Cantwell	None
Kerry Richardson	
Cecilia Delgadillo-Calbimonte	
Joseph Pecevich	
Helen Bennett	

Tenant's Association

John Murray reported that a thank you was sent to St. Christine's. Flo Sargent reported on the Tenants Association survey regarding refrigerators being provided for all Tea Rock residents. She provided research and is urging the Board of Commissioners to approve a policy that provides residents with refrigerators. Mr. Marathas reported that he will be applying for grants to replace refrigerators. The Tenants Association established the "Linda Surette Good Neighbor Award" and awarded certificates to Diana Harvey and Robin Dunn for their initiative in establishing the community garden.

Approval of Minutes of the April 4, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Commissioner Delgadillo-Calbimonte made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed, with Commissioner Pecevich abstaining.

Finance Report

Commissioner Richardson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cantwell, to approve the Accounts Payables and the Payments, check numbers 15289-15322, totaling \$90,781.32. The motion passed, with Commissioner Pecevich abstaining.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, to approve the Nomination of MHA Board Commissioner Delgadillo-Calbimonte to the Marshfield Housing Partnership Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business

Under old business, Commissioner Bennett updated that she has spoken with her Veteran's groups regarding the Veteran's preference regarding CHAMP.

Under new business, Mr. Marathas shared with the Commissioners that an Open Meeting Law violation was filed with the state, claiming that a violation occurred at the April 4, 2023, meeting. Mr. Marathas explained to the Board of Commissioners that all the proper notifications had been made including following DHCD guidelines. After much discussion, it was decided that the Marshfield Housing Authority would hire an attorney to respond to the Open Meeting Law Violation. Mr. Marathas also expressed his disappointment that this matter, which could have been cleared up with a conversation, was filed.

Commissioner Richardson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to authorize the Executive Director to hire an Attorney to respond to the Open Meeting Law Violation. The motion passed, with Commissioner Pecevich abstaining.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Marathas reported on the following:

- Vacancy 21B completed
- 5 Grace Ryder unit completed turnover, floor replacement
- Food delivery from Boston Greater Food Bank
- Fire alarm inspection at Tea Rock Building 7 & 8, Grace Ryder 1-10
- Bug treatment in Congregate 2, completed second follow up
- Transported tenants to Air Force Band Concert, complimentary tickets from Commissioner Richardson
- Shower valve project is on going
- Repaired two main blockages, Bldgs. 1 & 6. Please DON'T flush wipes.
- CHAMP is being processed to in-house in Quincy Housing Authority to create more efficiency
- MHA received an AWARD from DHCD for a Resident Service Coordinator for 20 hours per week, a 5-year grant!!!!

There being no further business, Commissioner Delgadillo-Calbimonte made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richardson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Whalen
Assistant Executive Director