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M I N U T E S
Board of Commissioners
Friday, May 4, 2018 3:15 PM
Community Room, 277 Water Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Item #1. Roll Call - The roll call was taken. Present at the meeting were:

Chair Person

Renee O'Barton

Co Vice-Chair Person

Boyd Allen

Co Vice-Chair Person

Vernon Sherman

Commissioner

Margaret Matick

Commissioner

Pam Gjettum

Executive Director

Tony Teixeira

Maintenance Supervisor

C.J. Harding-Smith

Public Housing Manager

Jill Birch

Absent:

Section 8 Manager

Margaret Dooling

Item #2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2018 Meeting

Co Vice-Chair Person Allen made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Gjettum and the minutes were approved with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item. #3. Approval of FY 2018 Annual Plan (board resolution):

Executive Director Teixeira reported that HUD regulations require that all Public Housing Authorities (PHA) develop an Annual Plan. The Plan basically provide an update on the goals that the PHA has set in the Five-Year Plan and lists all the capital improvement projects that have been earmarked for completion utilizing grant funds. The process of developing the plan began back in February and required putting the plan out for public comment, seeking input from the Resident Advisory Committee and holding a public hearing. The plan requirements have been completed and the Annual Plan is ready for Board Approval. Co Vice-Chair Person Allen inquired if the any comments were made at the public hearing and Executive Director Teixeira noted that there were not as he was the only one in attendance. Co Vice-Chair Person Sherman inquired if this was the last year of the 5-year plan and Executive Director Teixeira noted that there was one

year remaining. Chair Person O'Barton read the following resolution and the Annual Plan was approved with a vote of 5ayes and 0 nays.

HUD-9014

(11-68)

Board Resolution of the Exeter Housing Authority to Approve the 2018 Annual Plan

The following resolution was introduced by Chairwoman O'Barton on May 4, 2018 and read in full and considered:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-2018

Resolved:

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners to Approve the 2018 Annual Plan.

<u>AYES</u> <u>NAYS</u>

Chair Person Renee O'Barton Co Vice-Chair Person Boyd Allen Co Vice-Chair Person Vernon Sherman Commissioner Margaret Matick Commissioner Pam Gjettum

Item #4. Project Update: Sewer Line Installation Along Rear Portion of Property:

Executive Director Teixeira noted that the installation of the sewer lines was completed earlier this week without any issues. The disturbed area of the parking lot will be paved on Wednesday with line striping and re-numbering scheduled to follow on Thursday. The contractor recommends keeping cars off the newly paved area for several days to avoid damage, so we are shooting to get residents back in their parking spaces next Wednesday. Executive Director Teixeira mentioned that he had met with the contractor today and that they were in the process of suppling loam and hydroseeding the area. Co Vice-Chair Person Allen inquired if the Housing Authority would be responsible for watering the area and Maintenance Supervisor Harding-Smith stated that he would check at the Monday meeting as out irrigation system is currently down. Executive Director Teixeira concluded that the construction company has done a great job.

Item #5. Section Eight Managers Report

Executive Director Teixeira reported the following figures on behalf of Section 8 Manager Dooling. He noted that several people had fallen off the program, however, vouchers are being issued as soon as possible. Commissioner Gjettum inquired the reasons folks fall off the program and Executive Director Teixeira mentioned some reasons as income sufficiency, death and fraud.

0 0 April Unit Totals and Figures:

Number of Units 161

Total Hap:

\$103,551.00

Item #6. Maintenance Supervisors Report

Maintenance Supervisor Harding-Smith reported that he month of April has been quite a task with a high volume of unit turns. Unit 317 had new paint and carpet and was leased on the 13th. Unit 118 was leased for the 1st of May and received new paint. Unit 224 was leased for the 1^{st of} May and has new paint. Unit 4 Linden Fields, which is a 3-bedroom single bath, was also leased for the 1st of May and had the VCT flooring replaced and new paint. Maintenance Supervisor Harding-Smith noted the current works in progress are units 320, 315, and 101 which shall receive new carpet and paint. He also noted that the removal of plows and the sander have been completed and all winter damage is a currently being worked on.

Maintenance Supervisor Harding-Smith explained that he had received training on the 24th of April at NERAHMS in Westbrook Housing Authority in Maine which focused on Tools and Strategies for Personal Safety & Active Violent Attacks. He noted that he took home a great deal of knowledge to apply to everyday experiences whether at home or in the workplace.

Item #7. Ten Minute Audience Participation

A Water Street resident inquired if the violent attacks presented at the training were tenant attacks. Maintenance Supervisor Harding-Smith noted that they were not and that they were referring to potential attackers and active shooters in public situations. Another resident asked if they could have some training in this. Public Housing Manager Birch suggested we could check with the local police department to see if they offered a program and Executive Director Teixeira noted that he would check into it. Another resident commended both the maintenance and office staff for their hard work with both departments being short staffed. Commissioner Gjettum inquired how many hours Section 8 Manager Dooling had returned to work and Executive Director Teixeira noted that she had returned to 20 hours per week.

Item# 8. Executive Directors Report

HUD Proposes Rent Reform Legislation:

Executive Director Teixeira reported that last week the Trump administration released a draft bill that would change how rent for HUD assisted households are calculated. The proposed changes would increase rents, eliminate income deductions for health and child care expenses, and permit Public Housing Authorities to implement work requirements. The bill would also increase the rent contribution from 30 percent of the family's gross monthly income to 35 percent. For elderly and disabled households rent contribution would remain at 30 percent however the bill would set a minimum rent of \$50. Executive Director Teixeira mentioned that several residents have approached him concerning the proposed bill and felt the board meeting would be a good opportunity to share the details of the bill with the residents.

Financial Report:

Executive Director Teixeira reported that on the Public Housing side several line items remain in the red however some are related to seasonal expenses and are expected to level off. We are following the Material and Contract Costs line items closely and will work to stay around their respective budget amounts. The budget overruns are attributed to expenses incurred in preparation of the REAC inspection.

Executive Director Teixeira noted that he did not have any concerns on the Section 8 side at this time. HAP payments are up in relation to HAP fee received however we did see an increase in our HAP fee for the months of March, April, and May so it is expected that the gap will close. We are hoping to receive notification soon on our budget authority for FY 2018. Having the budget number will allow us to better plan for the remainder of the year.

Save the Date First Summer Cook-out:

Executive Director Teixeira announced that the first summer cook-out is planned for Friday June 22nd at 12:00pm and he is hopeful that all can attend.

Chair Person O'Barton adjourned the meeting at 3:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Antonio Teixeira Executive Director Renee O'Barton Chair Person

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