

Millbury Housing Authority

Minutes

August 18, 2021

PRESENTED BY
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MILLBURY, MASS.

Meeting convened at 1:05pm

Members Present: Frances Gauthier, Veronica Wood, Lucy Chabot, Virginia Yasko

Members absent: Sherry Forleo

Motion by Veronica Wood, seconded by Lucy Chabot to accept the July 21, 2021 minutes as read. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lucy Chabot, seconded by Veronica Wood to accept the July 28, 2021 minutes as read. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lucy Chabot, seconded by Veronica Wood to accept the July Consolidated Voucher Report in the amount of \$196,464.24. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Virginia Yasko, seconded by Lucy Chabot to accept the July MRVP Voucher Report in the amount of \$1,734.00. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: New sewer line in the congregate building. Carol explained that the work would be completed in two phases. The residents in the apartments affected in phase one will have to vacate their unit for a minimum of 45 days. When phase one is completed, the residents in the apartments affected in phase two will have to vacate their unit for a minimum of 45 days. All furniture and personal belongings will have to be removed from each bedroom and stored. Over half of the residents will have no place to go, and will have to be housed in a hotel/motel with a kitchen. The project was due to go out for bid immediately, but after a discussion between Carol, Lis Bennes, staff at DHCD, and the architect it was decided that if we go out to bid now, the project will start in January, and it would be more difficult for the residents to be moved at that time. The project has been pushed back to go out to bid in January, with the project starting in the spring. It was also decided that vacancies in the congregate wouldn't be filled until the project is complete. There will be less people to house in motels/hotels, and less items to

store. EOEA will not fund the empty beds, but it will be more cost effective to lose some EOEA funding, then it will be to house additional residents in temporary housing.

The Board agreed with this decision.

Virginia Yasko complained about growth of bushes and weeds behind some of the buildings. The bushes are not in the way of egress or blocking the windows. She wants Carol to have prisoners come in to do some weeding and cutting of the bushes. Carol will check into being put on the list.

Virginia also commented about the community room at Pearl Street, although she said that she has never seen it.

Carol again explained about the budget, and why we are state subsidized. She also said that the tenant's need to take pride in their housing, and should do what they are able to do to help. Housing is a small community, and we need to help each other. Virginia stated that she has cleaned the community room, and another tenant has also cleaned it.

Mr. Lavigne didn't attend the meeting to discuss recycling. The Board agreed that recycling wouldn't be allowed, unless the recyclables were kept off of housing property.

Carol informed the Board that the Senior Safe Program sponsored by the Millbury Fire Dept. has been scheduled in September.

Carol distributed information regarding Board training that is mandated by DHCD.

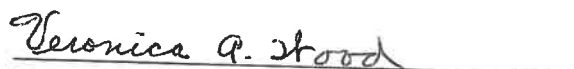
Motion by Virginia Yasco, seconded by Lucy Chabot to adjourn. All in favor.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm
Next meeting is September 15.

Respectfully Submitted,



Frances Gauthier



Veronica Wood



Carol A. Smith



Sherry Forleo

Lucy Chabot

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Virginia Yasko