

WESTPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY
5 Canal Street, Westport, Connecticut
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
January 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: D. Newberg, G. Halloran, C. Martin, K. Wauchope, T. Bloch, A. Sayegh, A. Santamaria, B. Whitaker, and Alex Merida

The WHA Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM when there was a quorum.

There was no public participation.

The meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting on November 6, 2019 was unanimously approved.

B. Whitaker reviewed the monthly cash position report, and advised the Board that we are operating both Hales Court and Sasco Creek without seeing any increases in the State's rental assistance program for either property.

C. Martin reported on the properties' management and operations during December. The landscape and snow removal contract will be looked at with the contractor to potentially reduce costs. She then introduced Mr. Alex Merida to explain the substantial increases of \$45,000 in the insurance policies for the properties. Mr. Merida described the market conditions, and the factors that increased the premiums for Hales Court, Sasco Creek, and Hidden Brook. He committed to look at the market in six months to see if there is any opportunity to go to another carrier. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Merida for his presentation.

Andrea Santamaria advised the Board of the holiday gifts provided to residents which was well received. The Thursday Misfits continues as a popular program for Canal Park residents, and the staff is trying to extend to 1655 Post Road East and Hales Court. Amanda Sayegh advised that interviews are taking place for retaining a third resident services coordinator.

Resolution #19-04 to Adopt the regular meeting scheduled of the Board of Commissioners for 2020 was unanimously approved.

D. Newberg updated the Board on the WPCA matters for Hales Court and Hidden Brook, and hearing no further business the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.