

WESTPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY
5 Canal Street, Westport, Connecticut
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: D. Newberg, G. Halloran, T. Bloch, C. Martin, K. Wauchope, J. Nixon, B. Whitaker, A. Sayegh, A. Santamaria.

The WHA Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM when there was a quorum.

There was no public participation. The meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 6th 2019 were unanimously approved.

B. Whitaker reviewed the monthly cash position report with the Board. C. Martin explained that Hales Court Housing, LLC and Sixteen Fifty -Five Post I Limited Partnership properties continue to be cash deficient at year end, and that she has a meeting scheduled with the Town's attorney to review the financial positions for both assets, and the impact of the WPCA fees to the sustainability of these assets. She will provide a summary of the meeting to the Board.

C. Martin provided the Board with an update on property management activities. She advised the Board of the MOR being conducted at Canal Park on March 27th. The snow removal contractor struck the front railing at Hales Court and will be reimbursing us for the repair to same.

A. Sayegh and A. Santamaria updated the Board on resident services activities. RSC staff are nearly completed with all resident surveys. The staff is focused on summer camp programming and planning. The summer camp will be August 19th through 23rd.

D. Newberg inquired on the loan provided to Fairfield Housing Corporation (FHC) by Sasco Creek Development Corporation for the development at 980 High Street, Fairfield. C. Martin explained that the FHC is commencing with various land use board applications to obtain approvals for the development.

There was a discussion of the Commissioners in having the Chairman send a letter to the First Selectman and the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission with regards to obtaining the moratorium under CGS 8-30g, and the critical need to creating more affordable housing in the Town. There was a consensus of the Commissioners that a letter be sent. C. Martin advised she would start a draft and distribute all Commissioners for review and comments.

G. Halloran expressed a need for the housing authority to build more partnerships and possibly sponsor an affordable housing forum in the future.

Hearing no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.