

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

1. Call to order: 4:30 P.M. Regular Meeting, January 19, 2012 at the
Woonsocket Housing Authority, 679 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Chairman David Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Lucienne L.Cote
Commissioner Gerard Frappier
Commissioner Normand Laliberte
Commissioner Janet Lemieux
Commissioner Gerard Remillard

Robert Kulik, Executive Director
Deputy Director, Duncan Speel
Attorney Michael Murphy
Commissioner Charles C. Baldelli- Absent

2. Good and Welfare for the Audience - None

3. Chairman Lahousse asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the regular meeting of December 19, 2011. A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Cote and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte.

There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays".

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Cote
Commissioner Frappier
Commissioner Laliberte
Commissioner Lemieux
Commissioner Remillard

4. Chairman Lahousse asked for a motion to approve the bills paid for the month of December 2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Frappier and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte.

Vice Chairwoman Cote noted that an entry for a rental refund for Parkview Apt 217 is incorrect as there is no apartment 217 in that building. Finance Director Mariano said he would research the matter and report back.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and “Nays”.

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5. Communications and Interest of the Authority – none

- 6a. Report of the Secretary

Chairman Lahousse asked for a motion to approve and place on file, the report of the Secretary, for purposes of discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Frappier.

The Director submitted his report as written. He spoke about the 2012 budget that is on the agenda for approval. He stated that even with the HUD allocation adjustments, the WHA should be able to live within this budget. The Director also mentioned that the WHA has appealed the allocation adjustments. Regarding the sale of the 18 remaining scattered site units, the Director stated that the WHA had an application period on January 13 for disabled veterans, and despite the Housing Authority’s extensive outreach, only one applicant showed up from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As a result of this poor applicant response, we have delayed the closing on these 18 units until February 17. The WHA will accept applications again on January 26, this time from the general public for project-based Section 8 housing with a preference given to disabled veterans. Commissioner Frappier commended those at the WHA responsible for pursuing the disabled veteran population.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and “Nays”.

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6b. Report of the Deputy Director

Chairman Lahousse asked for a motion to approve and place on file, the report of the Deputy, for purposes of discussion. A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Cote and was seconded by Commissioner Laliberte.

The Deputy submitted his report as written. He advised the Board that there will be a schedule for the panelizing system for Crepeau Court and St. Germain Manor within the next two of weeks. Installation should be between April and June for St. Germain Manor, then they will move over to Crepeau Court. A list will be developed for those residents who want an air conditioner, and those who do not. The security camera installation at Veteran’s Memorial is underway under the \$215k security grant. For the assisted living at St. Germain, a company has been contacted to review the needs for the kitchen renovations. The Deputy will be meeting with the Mayor, Joe Garlick and Ben Lessing regarding the proposed renovation plan at Veterans. Commissioner Laliberte asked about the future of some of our properties. The Deputy explained that without a common direction, the WHA may have to stop leasing those units that we cannot maintain the safety of.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and “Nays”

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6c. Reports of Direct Staff, Legal and Financial

Chairman Lahousse asked for a motion to receive and place on file, the reports of Direct Staff, Legal and Financial. A motion was made by Commissioner Frappier and was seconded by Commissioner Laliberte.

There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and “Nays”

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- 7. Report of Committees -None
- 8. Unfinished Business – None
- 9. New Business

A. Chairman asked for a motion to accept Resolution # 1098: Approval of 2012 Operating Budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cote.

Finance Director Steven Mariano presented a summary of the budget.

Commissioner Laliberte clarified that the funding cutbacks would put the WHA in the red. Commissioner Lemieux asked about grants closing.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and “Nays”

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B. Chairman asked for a motion to accept Resolution # 1099: Good & Welfare for Commissioners, limited to 5 minutes per Board member.

Commissioner Laliberte made the motion. Chairman Lahousse seconded.

Commissioner Frappier made a motion to table this item as Commissioner Baldelli was the proponent of this item and he is absent from this meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cote.

There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the "Ayes" and "Nays"

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10. Adjournment

Chairman Lahousse asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Cote and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte at 5:06 p.m.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Robert Kulik, Executive Director