

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

1. Call to order: 4:40 p.m. Regular Meeting February 21, 2013 at the Woonsocket Housing Authority, 679 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Vice Chairwoman Cote chaired the meeting due to the Chairman's incapacity.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Chairman David Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Lucienne Cote
Commissioner Sally Anthony
Commissioner Bernadette Rochefort

Robert Kulik, Executive Director
Deputy Director, Duncan Speel - Absent
Assistant Director of Security Roger Biron
Commissioner Charles Baldelli - Absent
Commissioner Normand Laliberte – Arrived 4:57 p.m.
Commissioner Janet Lemieux – Arrived 4:35 p.m.
Attorney Michael Murphy

2. Good and Welfare for the Audience – None
3. Good and Welfare for the Commissioners

Chairman noted that it has been a pleasure to serve with Vice Chairwoman Cote and Commissioner Laliberte and thanked them for their service to the Board. Commissioner Rochefort extended good wishes as well.

4. Vice Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the regular meeting of January 24, 2013. A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Cote and seconded by Chairman Lahousse.

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

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Cote
Commissioner Anthony
Commissioner Rochefort

4. Vice Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to accept the bills paid for the month of January 2013. A motion was made by Chairman Lahousse and seconded by Commissioner Anthony.

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

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Cote
Commissioner Anthony
Commissioner Rochefort

6. Communications and Interest of the Authority

Vice Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to receive and place on file the Communications and Interest of the Authority, A & B. A motion was made by Chairman Lahousse and seconded by Commissioner Rochefort.

The Director noted the letter that he sent to the Mayor on February 1, 2013 asking for his prudence in appointing two new commissioners. There has been no word from the Mayor as of this meeting.

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 Anthony
Commissioner Rochefort

7. Report of the Secretary

Vice Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to accept and place on file, the report of the Secretary, for purposes of discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Rochefort and seconded by Commissioner Anthony.

The Director submitted his report as written. He provided an update on the Assisted Living facility. He spoke of the kitchen hood and other kitchen equipment, the floor, the ceiling lighting. He anticipates a finish date of the second week of April.

The Director thanked Commissioner Laliberte for his service to the Board and all of his assistance with the establishment of St. Germain Assisted Living. The Director also praised Vice Chairwoman Cote for her eight years of service to the Board and her dedication to the needs of the seniors living in WHA properties. He wished them both well.

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

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Cote
Commissioner Anthony
Commissioner Lemieux
Commissioner Rochefort

7B. Report of the Deputy Director

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

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 Anthony
Commissioner Lemieux
Commissioner Rochefort

8. Reports of Direct Staff, Legal and Financial

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

Commissioner Lemieux asked a question about the ‘imputed rate change on assets’ noted in the highrise report. The Finance Director reported to the conference room to answer the question. Some residents were overcharged for two months due to a HUD change and had to be reimbursed.

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

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Cote
Commissioner Anthony
Commissioner Lemieux
Commissioner Rochefort

9. Report of Committees – None

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. New Business

A. The Vice Chairwoman asked for a motion for Executive Session to be convened pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws sec. 42-46-5(a)(3) for discussion regarding matters of WHA security, including but not limited to the deployment of security personnel, protections and devices.

A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Cote and seconded by Chairman Lahousse. A roll call vote was taken; the following were the “Ayes” and “Nays”.

AYES

NAYS

Chairman Lahousse
Vice Chairwoman Cote
Commissioner Anthony
Commissioner Laliberte
Commissioner Lemieux
Commissioner Rochefort

- B. The Vice Chairwoman asked for a motion to seal minutes in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws sec. 42-46-4 and 42-46-5. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cote.

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

AYES

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Chairman Lahousse
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Commissioner Laliberte
Commissioner Lemieux
Commissioner Rochefort

- C. The Vice Chair asked for a motion, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws sec. 42-46-4(b), that the vote taken regarding the closed session shall not be disclosed for the period of time during which its disclosure would jeopardize the WHA’s security issues and/or strategy pursuant to the discussions conducted under R.I. Gen. Laws sec. 42-46-5(a). A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Cote.

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

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- D. The Vice Chairwoman asked for a motion to approve increased insurance coverage to cover law enforcement liability to \$1 million. A motion was made by Commissioner Laliberte and seconded by Commissioner Rochefort.

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 Anthony
Commissioner Laliberte
Commissioner Lemieux
Commissioner Rochefort

12. Adjournment

Vice Chairwoman Cote asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Vice Chairwoman Cote and seconded by Commissioner Laliberte at 5:36 p.m.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Robert Kulik, Executive Director