

**Ridgefield Housing Authority**

**Special Meeting  
Approved Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 5:00PM**

**Meeting held at Site of Ballard Green Generators**

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**Commissioners Present: Frank Coyle, Paul Janerico, Jan Hebert, John Burke, Vincent Liscio**

**Meals on Wheels Present: Dean Miller and Al Must**

**Attendees: Susan Proctor, Isette Brendza, Krisann Benson, Nancy Higgins, Margo Sheenan, Marie Adams, Nancy Nuzzo, Ann Twidy, Don Gardner, Virginig Petty, Joan Masters, Maeve MacPhersan, Barb Beaulieu, Marshall Ballou and Larry**

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**Meals on Wheels Generator**

The meeting was held outside on the grounds of Ballard Green with all the above present. It was a walk-around event. Mr. Coyle greeted everyone and introduced Messrs. Miller and Must from Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Miller stated the statistics on each of the generators being considered along with their pros and cons... the gas generator was then turned on for the residents to hear. Several questions ensued concerning the gas fumes, noise level and how long it would have to run.

The next stop was at the site of the proposed new generator location, which is at the base of a hill 17' off "E" Building but with no facing windows or doors. Mr. Miller answered whatever questions were asked by the residents. A number were concerned about the noise level and how long the generator would run if needed.

The final locale was the present generator for the RHA Office building which would be the same size as the proposed unit which is a more recent model. Doug turned on the unit. Many questions asked by the residents such as:

Can we put generator at another site such as on other side of building or across the parking lot? Any other location would be too costly to install.

Will proposed generator automatically go on if power outage? Yes.

Do you need to install a cement slab for the generator? Yes

What arrangements will be made for those suffering adverse effects from the generator noise? Board will work with any having issues.

Is there some type of "housing" that can be placed around generator to absorb sound? Yes, we will look into it and find the best solution available.

Mr. Coyle asked for a show of hands of the residents. The results were (1) staying with old generator – one person; (2) approving new generator – 5 persons and (3) undecided was 6. Mr. Coyle then asked each Board Member to give their opinion.

Mr. Janierco – This was to address an emergency situation and he felt it was necessary. New generator

Ms. Hebert – Believed new generator was the way to go but with whatever buffering could be supplied.

Mr. Liscio - Agreed with other members especially since existing generator was gas operated and much louder.

Mr. Burke – New generator.

Mr. Coyle – New generator.

Motion to Approve Installation of New MoW Generator at proposed location approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Coyle at: 5:50PM

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary Patricia Harney

