

Ridgefield Housing Authority Special Board Meeting
Approved Minutes
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 8:00AM
Meeting held on Conference Call

Commissioners Present: Vincent Liscio, Frank Coyle, Paul Janerico, John Burke, Jan Hebert (arrived 8:08),
Attendees: Krisann Benson, Kirk Carr

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Liscio at 8:01AM

A Motion to Approve Minutes from February 16, 2022, as written, was made by Mr. Coyle and seconded by Mr. Janerico– approved by vote 4-0 (Ms. Hebert had not yet arrived).

A Motion to Approve Financial Report was made by Mr. Burke and seconded by Mr. Coyle, approved by vote of 4-0 (Ms. Hebert had not yet arrived).

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Coyle and seconded by Ms. Hebert – all approved.

Financial Report: was presented by Mr. Janerico Previous report was sent out to Board – asked for questions and one point was made that due to COVID issues and the present state of inflation, we should expect operating expense increases going forward.

FOIA Complaint- Mr. Liscio stated he would forward the complaint to the Board Members for their information. He did not give name of complainant but had discussed with Mr. Williamson and Mr. Williamson will supply information to the attorney who will prepare answer for complaint.

Old Business:

Snow Removal - Discussion ensued on the success of the snow removal to date. Mr. Coyle stated that the first storm experiment cost about \$500 and the last storm was \$1100. At that rate, the costs will become significant over time. Discussion ensued about the merits of having a contractor do this or seeing if some local organizations might be asked to help. Ms. Hebert knows of some organizations and will prepare list and how we can solicit help from them. Board will review this going forward.

Solarizing –Mr. Janerico stated that he asked Greg Konover for suggestions from experience of other properties.

Mr. Konover reported that our compatibility was less than desirable. Mr. Janerico reached out to Pemco another source for solar. The representative took a look at our Eversource bills and thought it might be possible to do something for us, however, they have not yet done a site visit. Mr. Janerico handling follow up.

Miscellaneous Points –

Freezing Pipes – Mr. Williamson working on this and will report to Mr. Liscio with possible plans to alleviate situation. **Pavilion Signs-** Drawing back from Printer and Ms. Hebert reports that it looks great. Proceeding to completion.

Library Room Re-Opening- It was suggested that the Library Room re-open with the following caveats: First priority be given to the office to conduct private meetings with residents; residents to use at their own risk and social distancing continue to apply.

Affordable Housing Update – continuing forward by RHAC. It appears as though the project plans will look at a larger scope of other areas in Town that will be considered for development in different ways. They are not just considering the property adjacent to Prospect Ridge. **Thrift Shop**-called with questions concerning our proposal request and it was handled by Mr. Burke.

New Business:

Charging Stations Eversource meeting on March 16 where Mr. Janerico will hear data concerning charging stations on RHA properties. He will also learn plans for other housing authorities and underserved communities.

Impromptu Meeting with Rudy Marconi, First Selectman- Mr. Liscio had the opportunity to meet with

Mr. Marconi. Some items discussed (1) RHA Website and its possible update. Mr. Marconi suggested that the Town IT look at current pages and change/add some items we desire. It may also have an application for RHA properties included on RHA page. IT was also informed of a bogus website that comes up on occasion when searching RHA. (2) FOIA Act – it has been recommended by the Town that all Board Members use Town email address. Not sure as yet whether they will be individual or just one

Mr. Liscio closed the meeting at 8:50AM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Harney, Secretary.

Minutes available in Hardcopy at Konover Office, Gilbert Street, or with this link on Town site:
<https://www.ridgefieldct.org/housing-authority>