

Stonington Housing Authority
Special Online Zoom Meeting
April 15, 2020
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kate Careb called the Special Online Zoom meeting of the Stonington Housing Authority to order at 4:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Those in attendance were Chair Kate Careb, Vice-Chair Julie Savin, Commissioner Beth Leamon, Commissioner Kevin Beverly, Resident Commissioner Debora Lee, Executive Director Phylcia Adams, and Becky Champlin.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Beverly and seconded by Commissioner Leamon to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes and the minutes of the March 31, 2020 Emergency Meeting. Motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Savin to defer all further items from the Agenda until the next regular meeting on May 14th. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Leamon. Motion passed 5-0-0.

COVID 19 DISCUSSION: ED Adams stated masks were distributed door to door to the residents. Adams also informed the Board there is a laundry schedule posted on the bulletin board in the community room. Adams stated that Stonington Human Services would be mailing out gift cards to residents for food. These are being supplied by people in the community making donations.

Chair Careb asked Adams how residents are coping with the stay at home order. Adams said most seem to be holding up well, the ones she saw or spoke to over the phone. Resident Commissioner Lee stated she is aware of some residents who suffer from anxiety and/or depression are having a hard time. Not a dangerous level, but their anxiety is really ramped up. Adams replied that Human Services is still open for appointments for anybody who feels they need counseling. Chair Careb suggested a notice go out to all residents with the phone number to Human Services so they have it. Resident Commissioner Lee said she would deliver the notices door to door. Adams also said she would include the number for the Rotary Club volunteer "You Are Not Alone Program" as well.

Commissioner Leamon suggested doing an outdoor music event for residents. Residents could listen from their apartments or come outside as long as the 6' social distancing was in place. Further discussion ensued and it was decided that they would look into setting something up musically to lift the residents' spirits. Resident Commissioner Lee also mentioned the nightly bell ringing at 8:00pm is another activity the residents could participate in.

Commissioner Leamon stated to ED Adams that it sounded like the restrictions on visitors went well with residents. Adams stated that residents really understood why SHA imposed this rule. Adams communicated this is temporary and it will end eventually. For anyone, including caregivers or family members who are the caregivers, they must wear gloves and masks when entering a resident's home. She stated that their safety is her priority. Commissioner Leamon also stated it should only be one or two designated family members who regularly attend to a resident.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner Leamon and seconded by Resident Commissioner Lee to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Beverly, Secretary