

HARWINTON HOUSING AUTHORITY  
Skinner House - 60 Bentley Drive  
Harwinton Connecticut 06791

Minutes of the September 18, 2013 Meeting

Present: David Eylers, Dale Adkins, Jean Johnson and guest, Larry Adkins

Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. There was no Administrator's Report. The minutes of the June 19th meeting were received and accepted. There was no Treasurer's Report due to the absence of William Gangloff.

The Chairman read a letter from Susan LaPenta with a tender of resignation from the Housing Authority Board. She indicated it was an honor to serve with all of us but for private reasons she needed to resign. It was with sadness the letter was accepted, thus creating an opening for a new board member. With Susan we also lost a most able secretary.

The Chairman was invited to attend a meeting on Monday, September 16th with Tammy Lautz, Director of Property Management for EHM. Also in attendance were John Downs and Patrick Spaulding of Simplex Grinnell. The many false alarm signals going off during the night time hours was under active discussion. John Downs indicated a weak current in the aging wires of the alarm system was the most likely cause and current boosters were installed which so far have corrected the problem. A main signal box, located outside in the weather needs to be re-located inside a heated building to avert further problems. Tammy Lautz will pursue the possibility of a new system to replace our current aging system. Tammy volunteered to attend a future meeting of our Board to offer a full explanation of a future plan.

Following the departure of our two servicemen, Tammy made a wonderful suggestion of a possible grant to provide a Resident Service Co-ordinator at our site for one day a week (two if necessary) to visit our residents with assistance on personal needs such as Meals on Wheels, transportation, medical aids, etc. Upon announcement by the Chair, members present hailed the idea and Jean Johnson was particularly excited by the prospect. The grant would allow funding for a three year period.

Larry Adkins was proposed for membership on the Board by David Eylers and motion was seconded by Dale Adkins. The motion passed unanimously. The Chair will present the appropriate letter to the town's Board of Selectmen. Larry should be sworn in by our next meeting.

The problem of skunk feeding by one of our residents was raised. Our Administrator has posted notice that feeding of wild animals is not permitted. The odor with open screen windows in summer is particularly distressing to many other residents. The Chairman will follow up on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. with thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted,

  
David E. Eylers  
Secy Pro Tem

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