

RIDGEFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Minutes of regular meeting of May 12th, 2010. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bergquist at 7:04 p.m. at Ballard Green, 25 Gilbert Street, Ridgefield, CT.

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Attending Commissioners: Anne Morrisroe, Annemarie Roller, Catherine Potel and Edward DeVito.

Also Attending: Ellen Scott-Ballard Green Manager, Sue Nolan-Finance Administrator, Diana Burgos-Executive Director and Manager Prospect Ridge Complex.

Visitors: Dot and Dick Freivogel, Terri Raymond, Desmond Reilly, Stacey Lynch, Flo Colletto, Diana Lynch, Elizabeth Castillo, Coco Barron, Barbara Costa and Suzanna Palmares.

Also attending: Harvey Edelstein of REDI and Bruce Whitaker of Millennium

Minutes of Meeting of April 14th 2010. Motion to accept made by Annemarie Roller and seconded by Anne Morrisroe.

MILLENNIUM REPORT

Bruce Whitaker reported that, to date, there have been no problems related to the lost data. The Post Office assured him that items lost in the mail are destroyed within a week to ten days.

REDI REPORT

Harvey Edelstein reported on the status of Modernization project. Landscaping due to begin as soon as weather permits, main roof at Prospect Ridge completed, building being sealed, windows still being worked on.

Problems related to water heaters at Meadows being investigated.

Dedication Ceremony for completion of project scheduled for June.

Management Report:

Ellen Scott – Ballard Green (See attached).

Management Report

Diana Burgos - (See attached). Ms. Burgos also presented the Congregate Budget and stated that a new contract had been entered into with Viridian, electricity provider, in an effort to cut costs. In addition, Ms. Burgos informed the group that a meeting was scheduled with CACD (Community Action Committee of Danbury & Northwestern Connecticut), in an effort to provide a forum for residents to get information and/or help with issues related to Housing etc. The

meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 13th. 2010. Ms. Burgos encouraged all tenants to attend. It was stated that the proposed Congregate and Operating (Affordable, Moderate & Town) rent increase would become effective July 1st, 2010.

Tenant Commissioner: Anne Morrisroe – reported that there are some landscaping issues at Ballard Green, i.e. water pooling in front of buildings C&D, that need to be addressed by REDI.

Treasurer Report: Sue Nolan – (See attached). Proposed budgets for ALL properties were reviewed by Commissioners as it pertains to the Congregate and Operating rent increases.

Commissioner Roller made a motion to approve the proposed rent increase, seconded by Anne Morrisroe. Commissioner Roller read the Resolutions and it was so passed. Resolutions are attached.

Commissioner Roller made a motion to accept the Management Reports and Treasurers Report as presented, seconded by Anne Morrisroe AND SO VOTED.

New Business: Cooperative agreement for Meadows PILOT received from Al Garzi, Tax Assessor. It was decided to table until a meeting could be scheduled with the Commissioners, the Tax Assessor and First Selectman.

Edgewood Elm House, Inc. is hosting a Gala event honoring CL&P for its continued support of Low Income Housing. It was decided that the Housing Authority could not contribute at this time, but a letter congratulating Mr. Dorsey was in order.

Old Business: Letter sent to Volunteer Fire Dept. regarding their request to connect their wastewater line to the sewer line at the Ridgefield Housing Campus. Ed DeVito agreed to meet with Tim Sullivan and Doug Shepherd as a follow up.

OPEN SESSION FOR VISITORS Elizabeth Castillo stated that in view of a \$90 rent increase at Meadows it is no longer affordable Housing. Dick Freivogel mentioned landscaping problems and a notice received by Yankee Gas regarding underground gas lines as it relates to safety issues. Ms. Barron requested additional postings about meetings in general. It was agreed that a bulletin board would be installed at Prospect Ridge near the mailboxes to replace the one previously damaged by weather. Desmond Reilly stated that he wanted to clear up the rumors about him having a two bedroom apt. In fact he only has a one bedroom apt. and

that Meadows has never had a rent increase since their initial move in over two years ago.

Executive Session

Chairman Bergquist made the motion, seconded by Annemarie Roller that meeting go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters at 9:20 p.m.

It was voted by Chairman Bergquist, seconded by Annemarie Roller for the meeting to return to public Session at 9.45 p.m. There being no further business before the Commissioners, the same adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Potel, Secretary

Note: Anyone requiring special accommodations due to disability is asked to contact the Ridgefield Housing Authority Office at 203 438 9845 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.