

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 29, 2004

The SHA met in open session at Musketahquid Village, 55 Hudson Road, Sudbury, at 6:30 p.m. Those present were: Vice Chair: Steven Swanger; Assistant Treasurer: Stephen Shugrue; Member: John Darcey; Member: Kelley Cronin; Executive Director: Jo-Ann Howe; Selectman: Lawrence O'Brien; Town Manager: Maureen Valente.

Meeting with Maureen and Larry: A meeting was held with the Town Manager and Selectmen Liaison in an attempt to clarify the following issues: The SHA has fewer sites than anticipated and they may not be sufficient for the development plan to go forward. There has been miscommunication between the SHA and Selectmen, and now the SHA is uncertain as to how to proceed with its Town Meeting presentation. The SHA is looking for support for affordable housing from those with Town leadership positions.

1. MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of 3/8/04 was made by J. Darcey, seconded by K. Cronin, and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

School Committee Vote: S. Swanger and J. Howe met with the School Committee on 3/17 and they later voted to move the boundary of the land on Newbridge Road to be excised for housing further west, without increasing the acreage, in the hope that there will be room for 2 buildings instead of one.

Publicity: J. Howe will write a letter supporting the SHA's Town Meeting Articles for publication in next week's Town Crier.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. State Appointee: A motion was made by K. Cronin, seconded by S. Shugrue and unanimously passed to support the application of Beth Rust for State Appointee.

Senate Bill 738: Discussion postponed.

Income Waiver Request: A motion was made by J. Darcey, seconded by K. Cronin, and unanimously approved to grant a waiver to continue residency for a Musketahquid senior whose rent exceeds the Fair Market Rent due to her having taken a lump sum distribution from her retirement account in order to pay bills. Her income and rent should return to normal next year.

Meeting Dates: It was decided that for the convenience of all, the SHA's regular monthly meetings will be changed from the first Monday of each month to the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with the exception of April, when it will be held prior to Town Meeting at 7 p.m. on April 7th and 14th. S. Swanger will be unable to attend the meeting of April 7th.

Audit: The state auditors will audit the SHA's accounts beginning on April 12th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Tenant Officers: The tenants have voted in new officers, and the new President and Vice President are David Mortimer and Richard Fairchild.

Bank Signature Cards: New cards were signed to accommodate changes in the Board membership during the past year.

Minutes prepared by Jo-Ann Howe,
Executive Director