

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Housing Authority Office  
October 21, 2010  
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Mr. Long, Chairperson; Mr. Simonsen, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Eddy; Secretary and Treasurer; Ms Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Ms Christison-Lagay Assistant Secretary; and Ms Fields, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by the Chairperson.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms Hall and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2010 Emergency Meeting; August 31, 2010 Emergency Meeting; September 7, 2010 Emergency Meeting; and September 22, 2010 Annual Meeting. Motion approved unanimously

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms Fields reported in the case of Lacen v. Mansfield Housing Authority HUD concluded that the Mansfield Housing Authority was in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR**

**Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Hall to accept the September bills. Motion approved unanimously.

**Financial Reports –A (General)**

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the August Financial Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

**Financial Report-B (Section 8 Statistical Report)**

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the September 2010 Section 8 Statistical Report. Motion approved unanimously.

**REPORT FROM TENANT REPRESENTATIVE**

**Resident Advisory Committee**

Mr Eddy will complete the final edits with all comments received for the Wrights Village survey and forward it to Mr. Simonsen for final review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee reported that they had had a discussion on the payment standard for Ashford and Chaplin. It was recommended that it be discussed at with the full Board.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **HUD Property Bid**

Ms Fields reported that the bid placed by the Housing Authority was not accepted. The successful bid was in the amount of \$9,300,000. This was significantly higher than the Housing Authority bid.

### **New Maintenance Vehicle**

Ms. Fields approved the purchase of a 2009 Chevy Sierra 2500 with 19,000 miles for \$23,470.

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to approve the final purchase price of the truck and to donate the old truck to a non profit breast cancer organization, if they take vehicles. If they do not, then, as directed by the Executive Director, to a non-profit organization that takes donated vehicles. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Method for Responding to Comments from the Public**

Ms Fields distributed the new public comments policy changes.

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Simonsen to approve the new policy with changes. Motion approved unanimously

### **Meeting Dates for 2011**

The date for Regular meetings for 2011 will continue to take place on the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m. as provided by the Bylaws. Those dates will be as follows:

January 20, 2011

February 17, 2011

March 17, 2011

April 21, 2011

May 19, 2011

June 16, 2011

July 21, 2011

August 18, 2011

September 15, 2011

October 20, 2011

November 17, 2011

December 15, 2011

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ashford and Chaplin HUD Payment Standards**

The new payment standards were set by HUD for 2011. The payment standard was reduced from last year for Windham County which includes the towns of Ashford and Chaplin. This creates a serious financial issue which the Housing Authority needs to consider in its continued support of the program for these towns. The payment standard does not reflect the actual cost of rent and utilities for Ashford and Chaplin. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that a Special Meeting be called for November 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the Housing Authority options and choices to best serve our current and future Section 8 participants.

**Section 8 Administration Plan Changes**

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to the changes made to Chapter 3-II.A Income Limits, Chapter 4-I.B Applying for Assistance and 4-III.C Local Preferences of the Section 8 Administration Plan. Motion approved unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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Dexter Eddy, Secretary

**Approved:**

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Richard Long, Chairperson