

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
November 10, 2010
8:30 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by the Chairperson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Payment Standards

The new payment standards were set by HUD for 2011. During this past year, the Housing Authority has set the payment standard above HUD in an effort to make more units available to Section 8 participants. Due to costs exceeding funding by \$115 per voucher, it was determined that the HUD 2011 payment standards would be used effective February 1, 2011. The Administrative Plan allows the Housing Authority to provide a reasonable accommodation to the payment standard under certain circumstances.

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to apply the HUD 2011 payment standards for all towns, effective February 1, 2011. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Renters Assistance Program (RAP)

Under the current contract for the 2010-2011 year, there will not be enough RAP funding to cover the need. Ms Fields will contact DECD and assess the likelihood of a contract increase. In addition, she will contact CHFA to request using the Administrative Service Fee to offset the costs to Tenant if the RAP contract does not cover those currently on the RAP program and those who will be paying more than 30% in adjusted income on January 1, 2011, but not qualified for RAP assistance. The use of the Administrative Service Fee, if available, would only cover the January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. At that time, the Board will have to reassess the situation based on the new RAP contract.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson