



Claremont Housing Authority

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Friday January 28, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Ball Room, 243 Broad St., Claremont, NH

Commissioners in Attendance:

Doreen Needham, Chairperson

Mark Chamberlain

Michelle Aiken, Executive Director/Secretary

James Mentillo, Vice Chairperson

Charlene Lovett

Police Officer – Trevor Dickerman

28 Members of the public

- 1. Roll Call, Quorum.** Ms. Needham called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll call was taken; 4 commissioners were present. A quorum was established, and the meeting convened.
- 2. Approve the Agenda.** Motion was made to accept the agenda by Ms. Lovett; seconded by Mr. Mentillo. **Motion carried, 4 ayes.**
- 3. Public Comment** – 28 members of the public. Ms. Shackford spoke first and told officer Dickerman about the 3 recent deaths in the building and how its affecting the tenants and the building atmosphere. Officer Dickerman explained what they can do and what staff and tenants can do, he also explained some of the limits to what police can do, such as entering or searching an apartment without just cause. Multiple tenants spoke regarding their feelings about the drug problems and their concerns. Ms. Aiken explained her process and the background checks that are performed on every tenant that moves in and if someone has never been caught then there is no proof and nothing to deny them on. Ms. Aiken also advised the tenants that sometimes when a complaint is made, there are things in the background going on that they may not know about, so they shouldn't think staff is doing nothing. There was discussion about how some visitors are getting in and people are letting them in. Ms. Aiken advised the building is only as safe as our tenants will let it be, do not let people in who you do not know. Many of the tenants were interested in the neighborhood watch and there was talk about hiring the security guard back on. Ms. Aiken advised that she will organize a meeting for next week for the neighborhood watch. There was also discussion about the location of the cameras and contacting our camera company to see if we can add a couple more cameras to our blind spots. We could also install signs advising of the neighborhood watch. There was also some discussion regarding the smoking in the building and the ventilation system. Ms. Lovett asked to look into any federally funding that might be out there to assist in replacing the ventilation system.
- 4. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Mr. Chamberlain to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Lovett. The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Aiken, Secretary