

**NANTUCKET HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING**

August 4, 2022

**NHA Community Building
3 Manta Drive, Nantucket, MA**

A Regular Meeting of the Nantucket Housing Authority was called to order on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 3:01 PM in the NHA meeting room at 3 Manta Drive.

PRESENT: Penny Dey, Chair & State Appointee
Beth Ann Meehan, Treasurer
Linda Williams, Vice-Chairperson
Bertyl V. Johnson, Jr.

Also present via Zoom: Patricia Grace

ABSENT: Marvia Hendricks

1. QUORUM: The chair established that there was a quorum present.

2. MINUTES: Approval of meeting minutes were deferred to the next regular meeting of the Authority.

3. REPORT OF CONSULTANT, PATRICIA GRACE:

Ms. Grace reported that there were three responses to the advertisement for the Executive Director position. The deadline for applicants was July 29, 2022. Of the three applicants, two live on Nantucket and one does not. The Chair circulated the three resumes and cover letters to the commissioners. The names of the applicants are Ron Bonney, Jack Bulger and Matthew Maryanski. Ms. Grace explained the next steps in the process which include a preliminary interview with a standard set of the same questions for each applicant. Once this occurs, the Commission can decide whether or not to proceed with more formal interviews with the full Commission. Ms. Grace offered to handle the preliminary vetting of the applicants.

There was a lengthy discussion of the possibility of having another Housing Authority step in to handle parts of the ED's job specifically related to tenant issues. Ms. Grace recommends that the Commission consider entering a one-year contract for a management plan for someone to do so. She reminded the Commission that their job is to set policy and work with the ED and it is not the job of Commissioners to get involved in day-to-day operations of the NHA. A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Meehan, to have Ms. Grace proceed with two things: preliminary vetting of the three applicants and investigating the

feasibility of having the ED from the Dennis Housing Authority enter into a contract for a management plan until an ED is hired.

YEAS: Williams, Johnson, Meehan & Dey

NAYS: none.

Chair Dey asked Ms. Grace what options there are immediately available to the Commission to help deal with enforcement of tenant-related issues. Ms. Grace informed the Commission that there is an alternate program through DHCD, that is a new regional attorney program that we should have access to if Renee signed us up. Whether or not she did, our Housing Authority can still sign up for it. Ms. Grace gave the contact information to the Chair who will reach out to Sarah O'Leary at the program. A motion was made by Commissioner Meehan to have the Chair pursue this program as soon as possible, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

YEAS: Dey, Meehan, Johnson & Williams

NAYS: none.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was some discussion about a new tenant who moved in and apparently has 3 dogs. The policy is that a tenant can have one dog, subject to certain stipulations. There is a dog committee with rules for behavior and consequences if the rules are violated, headed up by Brianna Cook, a HA tenant. It was agreed that the Chair would reach out to Brianna directly.

5. ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Williams. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Penelope Dey

September 2, 2022
Approved