

ELLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
Regular & Annual Meeting
June 27, 2023

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- 1) Meeting called to order @ 6:07.
- 2) Members present: Joe Ryan, Charlie Sandberg and Mike Swanson. Also present: Ibeth Almario. Absent Dennis Varney.
- 3) The minutes of the March 28th meeting were reviewed. Mike approved the minutes, 2nd by Joe. Motion passed.
- 4) Public forum: Debi(unit# 24) stated the new RSC is very professional and knowledgeable. Sandy (unit# 11) questioned why the EHA meeting info is not available online. Charlie did send it to the town clerk's office but has no idea why she's not posting them. He's going to stop at her office to confirm that she has received his last two emails.
- 5) Financials: Mike is concerned about the budget. Frank's email (from May) states there's a certain amount of money in Snipsic Villages account but it's not showing up on the financials. Charlie asked Ibeth to get complete financials and current balances from Stephanie and wants the balances on a monthly basis.
- 6) Maintenance: Debi questioned why the broken branches are still on the sidewalk. Ibeth called and nothing happened but it is a state road. Mike said the town would do it but it seems to be a "union thing" with the state which is holding things up. Charlie suggested calling the public works foreman in Vernon. Debi asked about motion lights for the community building, it would help save money with the electric bills.
- 7) New business: Charlie wants to see the budget for the fall since topsoil and seeding will be needed. He wants to be sure there is money in the budget. Bob Lech resigned 6/26/23. Charlie asked Ibeth to put out a memo that there's an opening for a tenant commissioner to see who is interested. They need to tell Ibeth if interested and the application gets submitted through the Selectman's office. Dennis resigned as Chairman a few months ago for personal reasons.

Election of officers:

Charlie Sandberg, Jr.....Chairman, nominated by Mike, 2nd by Joe
Mike Swanson.....Vice Chairman nominated by Charlie, 2nd by Joe
Joe Ryan.....Secretary/Treasurer nominated by Charlie, 2nd by Mike
All motions passed.

Charlie stated " I will keep Dennis updated on what's going on in the Housing Authority. He still is on the board and will remain on the board as long as he wants.

- 8) Old business: the board needs to sit down with Frank to get answers on the budget and the solar panels lack of savings. Charlie is questioning Eversource's bill and wants to meet with Earthlight since the savings that were promised has not been seen. Supposedly, Snipsic Villages bill would be cut in half and that has not happened yet. Charlie asked Ibeth to get a breakdown of how much Earthlight has been paid so far since the installation and he'll let Frank know exactly what he's looking for. Charlie apologized about not having raised garden boxes this year. There has been misinformation about the budget money and they are still looking into it. Sandy asked why furniture left behind from former tenants is being destroyed. Maybe someone can use the items. Charlie said the lack of storage is a problem and those items cannot be stored in the community room. He suggested to contact Ibeth if there are items a resident can use.
- 9) Meeting adjourned @ 6:26. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 26th, 2023 @ 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Gessay, Recording Secretary