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SUFFIELD HOUSING ATHORITY

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday September 9, 2026

The Housing Authority of the Town of Suffield held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 8th , 2026 at 6:30 P.M at Maple Court 81 Bridge Street: the date and time duly established.

Mr. Messenger call the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
The following members were present:
Mr. Mark Messenger, Chairman
Mrs. Jacqueline Marien, Secretary Mrs. Kathy Remington, Treasurer
Mrs. Jacqueline Nielson, Tenant Representative
Also present were Jason Joyce, Executive Director. Colin Mol First Selectman

Residents: Robert Hinckley, Doug Nielson, Ann Cavanaugh, Diane Klaus, Sylvia Magoon, Kathy Sullivan.

REPORT FROM THE TENANT REPRESENTATIVE:

It was an eventful summer with ice cream socials, food truck extras. Tenants are excited about the new things on the property, the gazebo, and the games. They are happy that the BBQ is going to be tented for shade and are looking forward to the Halloween Trick-or-treat and the Christmas dinner! The new spaces in both rec rooms were added due to resident interest. Hobbies and Crafts area display current resident areas of interest are in both areas, and the historical photo albums and current photo wall of our residents and the property decorations is in the Maple Court rec room.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rob reports that everyone is doing a great job, and is especially happy about the popcorn machine. Ann is happy that the molding is finished in her apartment, she loves it. We are working on other issues with the apartment. Kathy had no comment. Diane brought up possibly raising the washers as it is difficult for seniors with mobility issues to reach down and to the back to retrieve laundry. Patrick has been looking at that issue. Doug says he enjoys living here and looking forward to football season.

MINUTES:

Kathy Remington moved and Mark Messenger seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of the June meeting.

VOTE:4-0

BILLS:

Jackie Marien moved and Mark Messenger seconded and so voted to approve the bills presented which represent the expenses and expenditures of the Housing Authority for the billing period through 2026.

VOTE:4-0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The parking survey was conducted as asked by the Board and the result was no assigned parking wanted. There has been no parking issues since the extra spaces were added.
2. The molding in C-1 was added.
3. The two inspections over the summer-fire and CHFA- were both done and the reports submitted. Both were fine.
4. Colin reported that the Task force on the proposed added housing on Bridge street is moving forward. He was waiting on commission approval for moneys for the studies needed to be able to make a presentation to the town for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Harp grant money was spent on the approved items. The Gazebos, for Laurel and Maple. The large party tent for our outdoor celebrations. The games and seating. The movie projector and screen, two carts for work on property, Popcorn machine. The new seating at Broder is very much appreciated by the residents and used often.
2. Two events coming up. The Halloween Trick-or-Treat and the Christmas Dinner. Both are well attended and the residents are looking forward to them.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN:

1.Patrick O'Sullivan and Jason Joyce both attended the CONN NAHRO conference. They learned a lot about the potential for solar on the property and rent recert do's and don't's. Well worth the cost. SHA covered the cost of Patrick, as Jason's attendance was paid for by CONN NAHRO.

REPORT OF THE EXECTUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The office work is going well. We are looking at a new winter landscaper as lamberts is not available anymore. Report at a later meeting. Deb has had surgery and will be back in the office in 3 weeks.

REPORT of the Maintenance Director: No Report

SHA STAFF Comments or Concerns:
Many thanks to Deb for all of her expertise in the office, and to Jac for continued support and help.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jackie Marien moved and Jacqueline Nielson seconded. So moved.

Meeting closed at 7.08 PM.

VOTE:4-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Jacqueline Marien,
Secretary
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