

## Longmeadow Housing Authority

### Minutes of September 29, 2020 Meeting

The Longmeadow Housing Authority (LHA) met from 7:00 pm until 7:45 pm via Zoom. Present were: LHA members Ed Kline, Brian Crawford and Ron Manseau and non-member Alex Boch. While Alex B attended he did so with both his video and audio turned off. It was suggested several times that he unmute himself but he did not do so.

The meeting was called to order

#### Old Business:

- 1- The minutes from the prior meeting were read and approved
- 2- The LHA remains in good standings with the state. All required reports have been filed on time.

#### New Business:

- 1- Ed Kline reviewed the results of the recent Town election for two open seats on the LHA. Both positions had no named candidates on the ballot and all votes were write-ins
  - a. The five-year position was won by Ed and he formally accepted that position.
  - b. The four-year position was also won by Ed and he formally declined that position.
  - c. Under state law there is no provision for the second place individual getting the position if the first place person declines. It is called a Failure to Elect. The LHA has to submit a letter to the Select Board saying there was a Failure to Elect and request they appoint a person to serve until the next election. The LHA then voted to submit such a letter. Ed will do and send it to the Select Board.
- 2- The fifth position on the LHA is the one appointed by the Governor. There have been several verbal requests to Town government to request they contact the Governor's office to appoint someone but that has not been done. The LHA voted and approved that the letter to the Select Board on the Failure to Elect position also include a request for them to contact the Governor to appoint Donna Burrall of 418 Longmeadow Street, a former member of the Board to that position.
- 3- Annual election for LHA positions:
  - a. Prior to the LHA annual election, Ed mentioned that he and his wife spend 5 to six months each year in Florida that they considering Florida residency.
  - b. Elections for officers of the LHA were held. Ed Kline was elected chair, Brian Crawford was elected vice-chair and Ron Manseau was elected recording secretary
- 4- Ron Manseau updated the LHA on the proceeding of the Community Preservation Committee (upon which he represents the LHA).
- 5- The next meeting will be in the Spring of 2021.
- 6- The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

Ed Kline October 2, 2020