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Brooklyn Housing Authority – Minutes January 15, 2014

Chairman Bruce Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Members Present:

Chairman	Bruce Parsons
Vice Chairman	Paul Phaiah
Treasurer	Aida Bissonnette
Assistant Treasurer	Andrew Pinto

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

PHA Property Manager	Linda Laflamme
PHA Business Manager	Sarah Shoppe
PHA Deputy Director	Erin Grist
ECHO	Peter Battles
ECHO	Andrew Woodstock
First Selectman	Rick Ives
Town of Brooklyn, Board of Finance Member	Ken Dykstra
Town of Brooklyn, Land Use Officer	Jane Robertson

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Nomination of Officers

The following slate of officers was presented:

Chairman	Bruce Parsons
Vice Chairman	Paul Phaiah
Treasurer	Aida Bissonnette
Assistant Treasurer	Andrew Pinto
Secretary	Vacant

Aida Bissonnette made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. All were in favor. So voted.

Approval of the minutes

Aida Bissonnette made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting. Andrew Pinto seconded the motion. All were in favor. So voted.

Tiffany Place

Andrew Woodstock gave an overview of the condition of each building. Peter Battles noted that an estimate of \$3.2 million dollars is needed to redevelop the property. The site has been awarded \$150,000 in pre-development funds through the Department of Housing (DOH) and \$300,000 in housing tax credit funds. The pre-development funds are yet to be received. Mr. Parsons attempted to contact DOH during the meeting to obtain a status update.

Mr. Battles noted that an application is being submitted for historic tax credit and he expects \$500,000-\$600,000 to be awarded. The remaining funds will likely have to come from the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

New Business

FOI Training

The Town of Brooklyn is offering training on Freedom of Information on January 28, 2014 and would like members to attend.

Tenant Member

Mr. Ives indicated that a tenant board member is still needed. Management noted that many attempts have been made, but no one has been willing to participate.

Community Center

The Community Center Building Contract was discussed. Bruce Parsons reported that he met with First Selectmen and a final draft of the agreement has been sent to the Town Attorney for further review.

Town Budget for the Housing Authority

Aida Bissonnette reported that the agency used to receive operating funds for routine expenses through the Town. This was discontinued many years ago and Mrs. Bissonnette would like to see this assistance again. Mr. Ives encouraged the Board to submit an operating budget to the Town for consideration as soon as possible.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Aida Bissonnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 AM. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. All were in favor. So voted.