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Brooklyn Housing Authority – Minutes for Wednesday, November 16, 2022
10:00am at the Brooklyn Community Center

1) Roll Call – Bruce Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

Members Present:

Chairman	Bruce Parsons
Vice Chairman	Sandra Brodeur
Member	Lisa Arends (10:57am)

Others Present:

PHA Business Manger	Sarah Schoppe
First Selectman	Austin Tanner
Board of Finance Liaison	Sandra Brodeur
Recording Secretary	April Lamothe
Public	Michael W. Licamele
	Michael J. Licamele

2) Reading and Approval of minutes: Tabled until a quorum is present.

3) Conversation with Michael Licamele:

Michael W. Licamele told the Housing Authority that 5 Front St is almost finished and 29 Tiffany St has been completed. Michael W. Licamele said that Front St was challenging due to structural concerns. The first issue was that the land was pushing against the building, so they put in lawn grade beam system. After that issue was fixed, the building official found that a previous owner removed structure beams in the middle of the building. Michael W. Licamele secured the building using metal cabling to anchor and pull the building together. The units will be able to be rented as there are finished. The rent amount is considered 'naturally affordable' around \$1,100 per month.

There are a total of 27 units between the two buildings. One of the residents in Tiffany St is the repair person. Tiffany St has six units with three bedrooms on the second floor and one bedroom units on the first floor. Front St has five units with two bedrooms and ten units that are two story with two bedrooms.

Michael W. Licamele proposed a project of installing solar panels in Brooklyn. Eversource has a new program where they will pay for the solar and the electric bill is not affected. He would lease land from the Town and he would install the solar panels. Sandra Brodeur asked where he would plan to build them. Michael W. Licamele replied that the field/land/parking lot near Quebec Square would be ideal. Austin Tanner

Michael J. Licamele arrived.

Austin Tanner will put together a list of open space that the Town owns and send it to Michael W. Licamele to see if the land would be acceptable for solar panels. Sandra Brodeur asked if the lease would state that the land be returned to its natural state when done; Michael W. Licamele replied yes. He also mentioned that his brother is trying to include agrivoltaics, using the land the solar farm is on for grazing or pollinator gardens.

Michael W. Licamele would be willing to try animals grazing and pollinator gardens here in Brooklyn. Michael J. Licamele asked if there were beekeepers in Town; Austin Tanner replied yes and that he also keeps bees.

Lisa Arends arrived.

- 2) **Reading and Approval of minutes:** Sandra Brodeur made a motion to accept the minutes from September 22, 2022. Bruce Parsons/Lisa Arends seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 4) **Approve the 2023 Meeting Dates:** Lisa Arends made a motion to approve the 2023 meeting dates as presented. Sandra Brodeur seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 5) **Other Business:** Austin Tanner mentioned that there would be a Town Meeting on November 21, 2022 and one of the items on the agenda is for the Housing Authority to sell the Community Center to the Town of Brooklyn for \$1.
 - Lisa Arends commented that the light outside the Community Center did not come on with lights in the parking lot. She also mentioned that the Community Center should be cleaned up and updated.
- 6) **Public Comment:** None
- 7) **Adjournment:** Lisa Arends made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19am. Sandra Brodeur seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
April Lamothe
Recording Secretary

2023 Meeting Dates
10am at the Clifford B. Green Building

January 18
March 15
May 17
July 19
September 20
November 15