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Brooklyn Housing Authority – Special Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 16, 2019
10:00am at the Brooklyn Community Center

1) Roll Call – Bruce Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

   Members Present:
   Chairman                   Bruce Parsons
   Vice Chairman              Paul Phaiah
   Treasurer                  Aida Bissonnette

   Others Present:
   PHA Business Manager       Sarah Schoppe
   Recording Secretary        April Lamothe
   Public                     Aaron Kerouac

   Absent (without notice):
   Member                     Donald Francis

2) Reading and Approval of minutes: Aida Bissonnette made a motion to accept the
minutes from September 19, 2018. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. No discussion.
Motion passed.

3) Election of Officials: Aida Bissonnette made a motion to keep the slate as is. Paul Phaiah
seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

4) 2019 Meeting Dates: Aida Bissonnette made a motion to accept the 2019 meeting dates
as presented. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

5) Other Business: Sarah Schoppe had a write off for Upper Village in the amount of
$291.70. Aida Bissonnette made a motion to write off $291.70. Paul Phaiah seconded the
motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

6) Public Comment: Aaron Kerouac asked about the sale of the community center and the
merging of housing authorities and if they can be undone. Sarah Schoppe responded that
since there are only eleven units at Upper Village, it makes financial sense to merge with
the Putnam Housing Authority. Aaron Kerouac also asked about the amount of affordable
housing in Town. Bruce Parsons mentioned that the State and Federal Governments are
not releasing any funds to develop any more affordable housing own and operated by a
housing authority, which has led to issues of affordable housing. Aaron Kerouac asked
when the decision about the sale of the community center would be decided. Sarah
Schoppe said that they were waiting to have a conversation with Rick Ives. Aaron
Kerouac mentioned that at last night’s Planning and Zoning meeting, they were looking
into the purchase of the community center, but one person on the Commission questioned
what they were getting into. Bruce Parsons said that the Board of Selectmen must
approve of the sale, then the sale would to a Town Meeting.

   ● Paul Phaiah mentioned that the Authority will need to find a replacement for him
soon. Bruce Parsons said that he would mention needing new members to Rick Ives.
7) **Adjournment**: Aida Bissonnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25am. Paul Phaiah seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

April Lamothe
Recording Secretary

**2019 Housing Authority Meeting Dates**

January 16
March 20
May 15
July 17
September 18
November 20