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Brooklyn Housing Authority – Minutes for Wednesday, January 18, 2017
10:00am at the Brooklyn Community Center

1) **Roll Call** – Bruce Parsons called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Members Present:

Chairman	Bruce Parsons
Treasurer	Aida Bissonnette
Member	Donald Francis

Others Present:

PHA Executive Director	Kathy Carter
PHA Property Manager	Linda Laflamme
First Selectman	Rick Ives
Board of Finance Liaison	Sandra Brodeur

Absent (without notice): Paul Phaiah (Vice Chairman)

2) **Reading and Approval of minutes:** Aida Bissonnette made a motion to accept the minutes from November 16, 2016. Donald Francis seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

3) **Review of e-mail from Peter Battles on the approximate cost of demolition:** Peter Battles emailed Sarah Schoppe (attached) an estimate for demolishing 5 Front St. He said that it would cost approximately \$150,000 to demolish and could cost another \$100,000 for waste disposal. These estimates do not include pre-demolition documentation of the structure or the possible salvage of materials deemed historically significant by SHPO.

4) **Update from Rick Ives on Town's position on community redevelopment:** Rick Ives has spoken to Connecticut Trust's Brad Schide, who will be visiting to give advice on preservation of the buildings/neighborhood. Rick Ives is also going to file for Small Cities Block grant, which the maximum is for \$800,000. Some of the grant, if allowed, would be used for a new roof for the Brooklyn Community Center; maybe a mental roof, depending on price. If permission is granted, the grant would be used to tear down 5 Front St. The Board of Selectmen need to have more discussions about the project and create a plan of development. Discussion ensued about the grant and consultants. The Town also needs to work on enforcement of rules to change the neighbor.

- The Committee believes that 29 Tiffany St, once renovated and electric heat removed, will be able to support itself. Rick Ives mention the S Wrap Plan, which would help supplement the rent if the building is not paying for itself. The Committee believes that if 5 Front St is demolished, to leave it as open space until the rest of the neighbor has been planned and the funds are available.
- For the next meeting, Rick Ives would like a budget for 24 Tiffany St. Kathy Carter will contact agencies that said they would work with the Town (ex. Evergreen, Yankee Gas, etc.) to get prices.

Rick Ives left at 10:21am.

- 5) **Election of Officers:** Aida Bissonnette made a motion to keep the officer positions the same. Donald Francis seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 6) **Other Business:** None
- 7) **Adjournment:** Aida Bissonnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23am. Donald Francis seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.