

Millbury Housing Authority

Minutes

September 19, 2023

Meeting convened at 1:00pm

All Present

Also present...Danielle Johnson, Alvina Brevard

Danielle Johnson was first to be interviewed for the position of the Executive Director for the Millbury Housing Authority. She has experience in all aspects of the position, and relates well to questions and the Board. She is from a small authority, and might find it difficult working with the challenges of a larger authority.

Alvina Brevard called to say that she would be late because of the traffic standstill on the Mass Pike. She stated that she left her home at 12:05pm to make sure that she would be on time for her 2:00 appointment. She arrived at 2:20. She apologized for arriving late. She is presently working with providing emergency housing. In the past she has worked with private companies providing housing, but doesn't have housing authority, as the Board knows it, experience. She was very professional, and the general consensus was that she was over qualified for the position.

Virginia Yasko stated to Ms. Brevard that the morale among the tenants was very low. One of the main reasons is that they have no idea what is going on, and what to expect for major repairs and projects. Carol Smith explained to Ms. Brevard that this information is contained in the monthly newsletter, although there wasn't a newsletter that went out this month. Virginia Yasko also stated that most of the tenants did not like the robocalls, preferring paper notices, and when a robocall is made, and the tenants see the name Carol Smith, they just don't answer it. Carol Smith found out after the meeting that her name does not appear during the call; the name of the housing authority appears, and many tenants will call the office because they missed part of the call and are concerned. They are told what to do to hear the call again. Virginia Yasko also stated to Ms. Bevard that maintenance shouldn't be spending their time passing out notices, or slipping them under the door. Again, Carol Smith explained that's why we use robocalls, and maintenance hasn't delivered notices since that began. Virginia Yasko did agree with that statement.

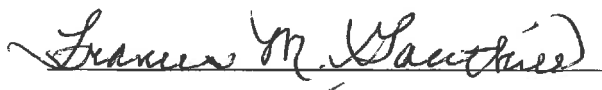
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The two applicants were discussed after the interviews concluded, and each applicant left the meeting.

Motion by Veronica Wood, seconded by Sherry Forleo to adjourn. All in favor.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted,



Frances Gauthier



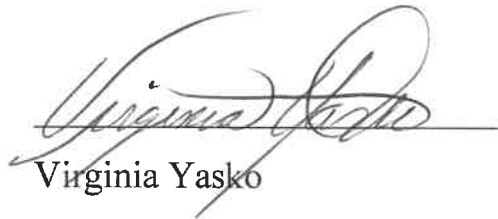
Carol A. Smith



Veronica Wood



Sherry Forleo



Virginia Yasko