

**NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Reginald C. Foster, Chair (remote)
Eleanor Evans, Vice-Chair (remote)
Ed Scheideler, Treasurer (remote)
Penny Kirk, Commissioner (remote)

NHA STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Merritt, Interim Executive Director
& Secretary (remote)

ABSENT: Janice Bennett, Commissioner, and Cheryl Gosmon, Acting Executive Director

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. He called the roll of Commissioners with all reporting present on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, for the Needham Housing Authority (NHA) Special Board meeting. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided by the Secretary of the NHA by preparing a Public Notice dated March 17, 2023, setting forth the date, time, and place of this meeting. Said notice was filed with the Clerk of the Town of Needham and provided to people requesting it.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

(Including matters that could not be reasonably anticipated in advance of the meeting)

Chair Foster stated that Commissioner Janice Bennett is not able to attend this meeting due to an illness with a family member.

A. FY 2024 NHA CPA Funding Application

1. Status update on progress through the approval process.

Chair Foster stated that this is a single-purpose meeting to pick up the discussion on whether to withdraw the Linden and Chambers Street CPA funding application for this cycle with the expectation that it can be resubmitted at the next CPA funding cycle. Chair Foster outlined the reasons for this.

2. Discussion

Chair Foster prefaced the discussion by reminding the Board that zoning be in place by October 2023 because DHCD is the awarding agency for the tax credit funding that is needed to do Phase I of the project. He summarized the cost of the project. Chair Foster mentioned his conversation with Marianne Cooley, Chair of the Select Board who was concerned that the NHA and CHA does not misinterpret that strong support for the redevelopment of Linden and Chambers isn't there. She encouraged Chair Foster that there is strong support for this project.

3. Decision on Next Steps

Chair Foster stated that it is his recommendation to withdraw the CPA Funding Application 2024-01 – Linden & Chambers Redevelopment. A comprehensive discussion followed.

Motion and Vote.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Scheideler that the NHA Board of Commissioners withdraw its CPA Funding Application 2024-01 for Linden & Chambers redevelopment funding for the second phase of the design on the expectation that the NHA Board of Commissioners will resubmit a new CPA funding application for the fall of 2023 cycle that provides the remaining Town funding needed to be able to go forward with the project.

Chair Foster called the roll of Commissioners in favor of this motion:

Commissioner Foster votes, aye; Commissioner Evans votes, aye; Commissioner Scheideler votes, aye; and Commissioner Kirk votes, aye.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

Representative Denise Garlick, a guest attendee expressed her appreciation for the work of the NHA Board of Commissioners.

B. Adjournment

Motion and Vote

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Scheideler to adjourn the NHA Special Board meeting of March 21, 2023, at approximately 1:50 pm.

Chair Foster called the roll of Commissioners in favor of this motion:

Commissioner Foster votes, aye; Commissioner Evans votes, aye; Commissioner Scheideler votes, aye; and Commissioner Kirk votes, aye.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Gosmon
March 21, 2023