

Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of the town of Darien
July 23, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Town of Darien was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in Room B-1 of the Darien Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Jan Raymond, Peter Bigelow and Allen Delaney. Also present was Arthur Anderson.

The Minutes from the regular meeting of May 28, 2013 and the regular meeting of June 28 were approved without objection.

Paid Bills Reports - The Paid Bills Reports for May 1-31 and June 1-18 were accepted as submitted.

The Heights – As of the end of June, all of the Phase I Allen O’Neill residents returning to The Heights have signed leases and have returned. The last remaining 25% unit should be leased by August 10 and the last remaining 50% unit in Phase One should be leased in approximately four weeks. Marketing efforts through Apartment Guide for the vacant 60% units are ongoing and updated daily.

Old Town Hall Houses – All renovations at Old Town Hall Houses have been completed, and two new leases have been signed as of July 1. Inspections were completed and future needs identified. The winning bid for painting at OTHH was approved by vote. Also approved was a proposal through CL&P for replacing the light poles at OTHH, which will result in a savings of \$17.29 per month. A proposal for landscaping at OTHH was tabled so that a new bid from the present landscaper could be acquired. A proposal for additional insurance protecting the DHA against claims of discrimination was approved.

There was a discussion regarding the reluctance of the Monuments & Ceremonies Commission to participate in the cost of lighting the OTHH flagpole at night. Peter Bigelow will conduct further research in an effort to prevent the Housing Authority from being responsible for the bills related to the flagpole.

Redevelopment - All Phase I-II buildings have gotten TCOs. Demolition of the remaining Allen O’Neill houses continues.

Senior Association – There was a discussion about a Labor Day Lobster bake party, with a 50% discount to existing residents for the expense. A motion for a \$400 expenditure for the party was made and approved. Allen Delaney brought up the issue of having an industrial washer and dryer in the OTHH laundry room. Arthur Anderson said that he would speak with the current vendor and relay his thoughts.

On a motion by Jan Raymond, the Public Session was adjourned and the meeting moved into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. With no business to be conducted after Executive Session, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.