



## Regular Meeting Notes January 8, 2024

TO: Patricia Green Commissioner  
Liz Harrison, Chair  
Gary Stroud, Commissioner  
Elisha Underwood, Vice Chair  
Michelle Wright, Commissioner

The meeting was noticed on Facebook, BHP website, and the Brattleboro Reformer.

You are hereby notified that the January 8, 2024, regular meeting of Brattleboro Housing Partnerships Board of Commissioners will be held on “ZOOM”

### Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 848 7608 2452

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1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Harrison. Also present were Commissioner Michele Wright, Commissioner Patricia Green, Commissioner Gary Stroud, Executive Director Christine Hazzard, Jeanette White, BHP staff, and BCTV Representative recorded the meeting. Vice Chair Elisha Underwood was absent.
2. Reviewed Minutes from the December 18 meeting:  
**Motion to accept the minutes of December 18, 2023 as is made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Stroud. Approved 4-0.**
3. Resident and Citizen Participation: No residents or other citizens were present.
4. Executive Director: Presented the annual plan and MTW Supplemental Plan. No questions or concerns.
  - a. **Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Annual BHP plan made by Commissioner Stroud, seconded by Commissioner Green. Approved 4-0.**
  - b. **Motion to approve the 2024-2025 MTW Supplemental Plan moved by Commissioner Stroud, seconded by Commissioner Wright. Approved 4-0.**
5. Staff Reports Review:

6. Financial Review:
  - Check signing: January Commissioner Stroud, February – Commissioner Underwood, March – Commissioner Green.
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7. Board Business: No items
8. BHOI- Brattleboro Housing Opportunities Inc.
  - a. BHOI continues to raise funds for the playground at Ledgewood Heights, and received a \$1500 grant from Ben & Jerry Foundation and \$1500 from Mark & Liz Richards Foundation..
  - b. The Reformer published a front page, above-the-fold story on the dedication of the mural at Ledgewood Heights and Moore Court. The donation from the Richards was a result of this article.
9. ED Hazzard reported on vandalism at Melrose Terrace. Windows have been broken on three separate evenings. Additional cameras are being installed, Brattleboro Police are aware of it, and the staff is being diligent with personal safety. ED Hazzard notified all the neighbors on Melrose Street and the corner of Melrose and Western Avenue of the events .
10. There was a discussion of BHP role in the closing of the motel program. BHP will continue to provide housing to people with low incomes and people experiencing homelessness. BHP also offers the Shelter Plus Care program which offers vouchers for people experiencing homelessness with case management. BHP is working on redeveloping Melrose Terrace. Also discussion about increases in Social Security and income and how that will affect benefits. The LEAP program at BHP is allowing BHP to not increase rent due to increased income for the time of the three-year recertification program. BHP has no role in other benefits and how they might be increased or decreased.
11. **Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Greene and seconded by Commissioner Wright. Approved 4-0 at 5:00 pm.**

*Christine Hazzard*

**BHA Secretary**

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