



Low income housing supporting independence, creating opportunities

MINUTES OF THE 62nd ANNUAL MEETING

Community Room at
Annual Meeting on
Red Clover Commons
November 18, 2024

- 1. Call to order:** The Annual Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Elisha Underwood. Also present were Vice Chair Michele Wright, Commissioner Pat Green, Commissioner Suzie Walker. Also present was Executive Director, Christine Hazzard. many staff from BHP, numerous residents and community members. BCTV Representative. Commissioner Gary Stroud was absent.
- 2.** Chair Underwood spoke of three great successes over the year: the new playground at Ledgewood Heights; new staff including a new position for Resident Services Coordinator; and the beginning of the redevelopment of Melrose Terrace.
- 3.** Commissioners Wright, Walker and Green spoke of their interest in housing and being on the Board of Commissioners.
- 4.** Executive Director Hazzard spoke of community collaboration and how the importance of these collaborations are the theme of this annual meeting. Many issues face our community and we need to all work to help solve those issues. She particularly emphasized two collaborations that BHP has been involved with over the last year that have been important; working with Windham Windsor Housing Trust and ongoing collaboration with Brattleboro Police Department. She then handed it over to other staff members who spoke of collaborations with community partners.
 - a. Matt Attesi, Director of LEAP (Learning Employment Academic Program) spoke of partnerships with HireAbility, State Department of Labor, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and Windham Windsor Housing Trust.
 - b. David DeAngelis, Section 8 and Grants Administrator, spoke of working with HCRS, Pathways and private landlords in the community.
 - c. David Wright, SASH Coordinator, spoke of partnerships with Senior Solutions, HCRS, Visiting Nurses, and the Vermont Food Bank.
 - d. Susanne Shapiro, SASH Nurse, spoke of a partnership with Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

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- e. Jess Grover, SASH for All Nurse, spoke of a partnership with Windham County Humane Society.
 - f. Jeff Rose, SASH for All Mental Health Clinician, spoke of partnerships with all the health and behavior health entities in the area.
 - g. Jake Bursky, SASH for All Coordinator, spoke of partnerships with Art in the Neighborhood, Turning Point, Winston Prouty, SEVCA, Winham Windsor Housing Trust, Brattleboro Fire Department.
 - h. Lorelei Morrissette, Wellness & Supervisor, spoke of the important partnership with Brattleboro Police Department, especially with the Resource Officers Knowles Wentworth and Kyra Rideout.
 - i. Christine Hazzard gave a thank you to Lorelei Morrissette and Jeanette White for their leadership on the Ledgewood Heights Playground.
 - j. Christine Hazzard recognized three youth leaders who couldn't attend but will be recognized at a later date.
- 5. Public participation:** Three people had comments: a SASH coordinator is needed at RCC (someone has just been hired and will start Dec 1); what actions will BHP take to keep squatters to come into buildings during cold weather (BHP is constantly working on ways to keep residents safe); Thank you to BHP for all they do in a very tough environment.
- 6. Motion to approve the minutes of the Oct 28, 2024 meeting was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Green, approved 4-0.**
- 7. Annual election of officers.**
- a. **Motion to nominate Elisha Underwood and Board Chair made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Wright, approved 4-0. Commissioner Underwood named new Board Chair.**
 - b. **Motion to nominate Commissioner Wright as Vice Chair made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Underwood, approved 4-0. Commissioner Wright named new Board Vice Chair.**
 - c. **Motion to nominate Executive Director Hazzard as Secretary made by Commissioner Underwood, seconded by Commissioner Wright, approved 4-0. ED Hazzard named as new Board Secretary.**
- 8. Motion to accept the 2025 Tax Credit Budgets for RCC 1 & 2, and AW Richards made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Walker, approved 4-0.**
- 9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Walker, approved 4-0.**

Christine Hazzard
BHP Secretary
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