

FALMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY
COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom
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The Falmouth Housing Authority conducted a remote Special Session Commissioners Board Meeting on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4.30 p.m. via virtual meeting pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020. The public were invited to join in the meeting by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89632990770>; Meeting ID: 896 3299 0770 or by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and entering Meeting ID: 896 3299 0770 and following the instructions to join the virtual meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Favulli
Robert Mascali
Stephen Patton

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Richards, Executive Director

OTHERS: Trisha Rush, PowerOptions
Derek Howell, PowerOptions

OPEN SESSION

Call to Order

At 4:43 p.m. Patricia Favulli called the meeting to order.

Minutes – Special Session of 1/28/21 – VOTE

Report of the Assistant Director – Leased Housing Summary

Resolution 2020-163

Robert Mascali moved to table the minutes of the Special Session held on 1/28/21 and to table the Leased Housing Summary report. Steve Patton seconded.

3-Ayes (Favulli, Mascali, Patton) 0-Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Report of the Executive Director

-Report of the Executive Director - Gas Renewal (Direct Emergency) pricing through PowerOptions, presented by Patricia Rush/PowerOptions– VOTE

Tricia Rush and Derek Howell of PowerOptions gave a report which included the following:

- PowerOptions is a non-profit energy purchasing consortium which was established 20 years ago.
- There are over 470 members.
- Through leverage of the buying power of the consortium, there is competitive solicitation of gas and electric energy.
- Energy consultants, suppliers and others are interviewed and based on information gleaned, an RFP is constructed.
- Clients include colleges, housing authorities, hospitals, municipalities, senior living facilities.
- FHA now has a fixed agreement with unlimited use. Locking in a rate offers insurance against rising rates and provides stability for budgeting.
- The rate of \$5.02 for 3 years is low compared to other years.
- Most other clients are locking in at lower rates.

The commissioners noted that rates are historically low and it seemed to be sensible to lock in for a longer period than they would normally.

Resolution 2020-164

Robert Mascali moved to lock in at the rate of \$5.02 for 3 years. Steve Patton seconded.
3-Ayes (Patton, Favulli, Mascali) 0-Nays MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2020-165

At 5:06 p.m. Robert Mascali moved to adjourn. Steve Patton seconded.
3-Ayes (Patton, Favulli, Mascali) 0-Nays MOTION CARRIED

Relevant Documents

Email dated 3/26/21 from PowerOptions regarding current Gas Renewal Pricing through Direct Energy and PowerOptions

Presentation to Board of Commissioners from PowerOptions, “Natural Gas Renewal, March 26, 2021”

Email from Bobbi Richards (3/23/21) regarding amount FHA currently pays for Gas through October 2021