

FALMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY – COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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The Falmouth Housing Authority conducted a General Session Commissioners Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. The general session began at 4:30 p.m, then went into a public hearing. Following the public hearing, the meeting returned to the general session. The Board did its best to adhere to posted time frames, but times may have varied. The meeting(s) was held via a virtual meeting pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020; extended to 2025.

The public were invited to join in general session meeting by going to:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4033039685?omn=82644720065> Meeting ID: 403 303 9685

Audio Access: 1-646-558-8656

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Patton
Patricia Favulli
Michael Galasso
Kathleen Haynes (arrived at 4:40)
Jack Richardson

STAFF PRESENT: Bobbi Richards, Executive Director
Leslie Pearce, Assistant Director
Benjamin Anako, Fiscal Officer
Kevin Donovan, Maintenance Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Bancroft, Emma Monville -Maintenance Administrative Assistant, Maureen McIver – Recording Secretary

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING SESSION

-Federal properties – 5-year plan – vote

At 4:31p.m. Stephen Patton called the Public Hearing to order.

Bobbi Richards noted that tenants and the public usually have 45 days to comment on the 5-year plan but this time the comment period was about 4 months. FHA met with tenants via Zoom and in the office. The plan is a compilation of comments covering the three Federal Public Housing

buildings as follows: Tatakot, Harborview, and Rose Morin in addition to the Administration Building, for a total of 222 units. Bobbi Richards reviewed that the focus was not on the cost of a project but listing projects considerations in the 5-year plan so that projects are able to be pursued as/when funding becomes available. She asked that the Board to review the tenant comments and projects as recommended by tenants and staff so that the plan could be submitted to HUD and that the grant funding for capital plan be made available to FHA. Steve Patton noted that the 5-year plan is formulated every year, a kind of floating plan. \$670,000 is budgeted for this year.

Additional comments included:

- Kevin Donovan explained that the shed item was listed because many tenants have plants that they nurture; the shed could house tools and act as a kind of garden club.
- Jack Richardson suggested that there be a garden at each building; Michael Galasso suggested that FHA contact Farming Falmouth to form a partnership for this type of project.
- Shipping containers for storage exist at two properties and one more was suggested. Patricia Favulli said that shipping containers should be reviewed with the Town.
- Trash/Disposal of items is generally not an approved activity for the federal capital plan, it is an operations items. Rogue dumping by the public has been a problem on FHA properties for some time.

Resolution 2025-015

Patricia Favulli moved to approve the 5-Year Plan with the clarification of the correct date.

Stephen Patton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Stephen Patton -aye

Patricia Favulli-aye

Michael Galasso-aye

Jack Richardson-aye

4 Ayes (Patton, Favulli, Galasso, Richardson) 0-Nays MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2025-016

At 4:41p.m. Patricia Favulli moved to adjourn to the General Session. Stephen Patton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Stephen Patton -aye

Patricia Favulli-aye

Michael Galasso-aye

Jack Richardson-aye

4 Ayes (Patton, Favulli, Galasso, Richardson) 0-Nays MOTION CARRIED

Documents Used:

Draft Five Year Plan and comments