Regular meeting of the Thompson Housing Authority was called to order by Chairperson, John Dalton, on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 5:15 p.m. in the community room of the housing authority.

1. Board members present: John Dalton, James Sali, James Leite, and Matilda Deotte

Board members absent: N/A

Staff present: Executive Director, Deborah Flanigan

2. New Business

a. Property Inspection – Board went directly into new business with the property inspections to avoid losing daylight hours. During the inspections, board noticed a few things that needed to be addressed. In the Gladys Green section, there was a charcoal grill that needs to be removed, as they are not allowed. Electrical/cable boxes need to be painted by maintenance. Also, there are a few items that need to be disposed of. In the Pineview Court section, there is a couch that tenants put in the screened in porch that needs to be disposed of by them. There is a broken down bench outside of the laundry room that the Thompson Housing Authority maintenance personnel will be responsible for removing.

3. The board resumed the regular board meeting at 6:21 p.m. James Sali made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular board meeting. James Leite seconded. So voted.

4. Citizens Forum

a. Citizens present – Tenants, Terry and Dorothy Hardt. Tenant, Corinne Wessoleck and her aides, Wendy Lyon and Shannon Bruce. Corinne Wessoleck presented the board with a letter from Generations Family Health Center stating that she should not be exposed to cigarette smoke because it is detrimental to her health. Corinne has stated that she smells smoke from her neighbor’s apartment. The Thompson Housing Authority has a policy prohibiting smoking inside of the apartments; therefore, the director will send a letter to remind the tenant of the rules. It was noted that both of Corinne’s aides smoke cigarettes, but they do so more than 25 feet from the building. However, John Dalton stated his concern that second-hand smoke may be present on their clothing which could, also, agitate her condition. The board will invite both Corinne Wessoleck and her neighbor to the regular board meeting on October 14, 2019.

5. Old Business

a. Update on light repair cost – The board received a quote from DEF Services Group in the amount of $25,641.00 to repair the underground wiring in the Gladys Green section. John Dalton made a motion to approve that offer pending a contract with DEF which specifies a warranty from DEF and liability, on their part, if there is any damage done to the property and/or wiring, pipes, building, etc. . James Sali seconded. So voted.

6. Other – John Dalton made a motion for email communication to be added as a formal and official means of communication with tenants. The Director will make an effort to collect that information, if available, from current and future tenants. Email is currently a main source of communication with business associates and town government. Seconded by James Leite. So voted.

7. James Sali made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Seconded by John Dalton. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah E. Flanigan, Executive Director

Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2019