



JUNE 2023 MINUTES
APPROVED JULY 17, 2023

Members of the Northampton Housing Authority met via “Zoom” on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

Chairperson Carney called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Upon Roll Call, those present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Richards; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Cancel & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

ALSO PRESENT: Cara Leiper; Sharon Kimble; Jack Redman; Attorney Tom O’Connor; Keith Walsh; Amanda Huertas; Danielle McColgan; Mia Weibel; Jose Cruz; Angel Sadlowski; Easthampton Councilor Brad Riley; Easthampton Councilor Ruth Jennison; Easthampton Councilor Koni Denham; Easthampton Vice Chairperson Joseph McCoy; Angela Santaniello; Doug Kierdorf; Mary Chapman & Shannon Scott.

MOTION

Recognize Attorney Thomas O’Connor for the duration of the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Brooks put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Richards and Commissioner Jones.

VOTING NAY: Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

ABSTAIN: Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

Commissioner Jones – historically the Counsel has always attended Board meetings as a useful resource in conjunction with Open Meeting Law Violations. Historically the one time when I was Chair we had an Open Meeting Law Violation which was an Open Meeting Law Violation. Attorney O’Connor did not attend that meeting and I came away thinking that had he been there we never would have proceeded in the way we did, so I think it is very useful.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.

CHAIR UPDATES/REMARKS

Chairperson Carney read and email by Vice-Chairperson Cancel and answered the questions presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Cara read the report and gave updates.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2023 MINUTES

Commissioner Brooks put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

MOTION

Table the approval of the May 2023 minutes to the next meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Cancel put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Vice-Chairperson Cancel; Commissioner Richards; Commissioner Brooks & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: Commissioner Jones.

Therefore, Commissioner Carney approved the Motion to table the May minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS



MOTION

Accept Low Bidder for Legal Services for 3 Years.

Commissioner Richards put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

Vice-Chairperson Cancel put forth a motion to postpone the Motion for Legal Services to the July 2023 meeting seconded by Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Vice-Chairperson Cancel; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: Commissioner Richards.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion to Table the Low Bidder for Legal Services.

MOTION

Authorize ED to Sign 4 Year Contract with Union.

This contract goes from 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2027 with a Cola of 4% each year for the Maintenance personnel.

Commissioner Brooks put forth the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Richards.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Vice-Chairperson Cancel; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Richards & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: None.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.

MOTION

Authorize Management Services Agreement with Easthampton Housing Authority for a 3 Year Term.

Chairperson Carney put forth the motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Richards.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Richards.

VOTING NAY: Vice-Chairperson Cancel and Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.

MOTION

Recognize Easthampton City Councilor Brad Riley to speak.

Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield put forth the motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Richards.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Richards; Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield and Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

VOTING NAY: NONE.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.

Councilor Riley would like to rescind his support of the NHA Board to manage Easthampton.

MOTION

Recognize Easthampton City Councilor Koni Denham to speak.

Commissioner Richards put forth the motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Richards; Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield and Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

VOTING NAY: NONE.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.



Councilor Denham also now has reservations as to the Northampton Housing Authority to manage Easthampton Housing Authority.

MOTION

Recognize Northampton Housing Authority staff member Jack Redman to speak.

Commissioner Richards put forth the motion to approve seconded by Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Richards; Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield and Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

VOTING NAY: NONE.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.

Jack Redman spoke of NHA's willingness and ability to manage Easthampton Housing Authority.

MOTION

Recognize Easthampton Vice-Chairperson Joseph McCoy to speak.

Commissioner Richards put forth the motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Richards; Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield and Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

VOTING NAY: NONE.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.

Mr. McCoy spoke of his feelings for Northampton Housing Authority to manage Easthampton Housing Authority.

Several other Northampton Commissioners spoke about Northampton managing Easthampton. Commissioner Jones asked Executive Director Leiper to speak about the Easthampton Housing Authority and to give the Commissioners some insight on the operations, etc.

RESOLUTION 2023-05 – Federal FY24 Budget Placesetter.

Chairperson Carney put forth the motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Richards.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Richards & Vice-Chairperson Cancel.

VOTING NAY: NONE.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Resolution.

MOTION

Vice-Chairperson Cancel asked for an agenda item to be put on for July to discuss personal remarks made by Chairperson Carney seconded by Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING YAY: Chairperson Carney; Commissioner Brooks; Commissioner Jones; Commissioner Richards; Vice-Chairperson Cancel & Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.

VOTING NAY: NONE.

Therefore, Chairperson Carney approved the Motion.

Commissioner Richards put forth the motion to adjourn the June meeting at 8:19 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Tarbutton-Springfield.