Caribou Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

The Caribou Housing Authority Board of Commissioners had a meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 PM in the Council Chambers with the following members present: JR Belanger, Jay Kamm, Mary Kate Barbosa and Mark Goughan. Phil McDonough and Carman Durost were absent and excused. Sandra Bittle was absent and unexcused.

Department Manager and Staff: Lisa Plourde, Housing Director; and Ken Murchison, Zoning Administrator.

Agenda #1: Call to Order

Meeting started at 6:00 PM

Agenda #2: Roll Call/Quorum Check

Agenda Item #3: Election of Chairperson for 2018

M. Goughan made the motion for J. Belanger as Chairperson, seconded by M. Barbosa; vote unanimous

Agenda #4: Election of Vice-Chairperson

M. Goughan made the motion for J. Kamm as Vice- Chairperson, seconded by M. Barbosa; vote unanimous

Agenda #5: Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2018

- J. Belanger summarized the minutes from March 21, 2018. J. Kamm motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by M. Goughan; vote unanimous.
- K. Murchison mentioned that the Board needs to address the Bylaws at a future meeting.

Agenda #6: Public Hearing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administration Plan

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 PM, no questions; closed at 6:09 PM.

M. Goughan motioned to accept the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Administration Plan, seconded by J. Kamm; vote unanimous.

Agenda #8: Public Hearing, Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan

Public Hearing opened at 6:11 PM, no questions; closed at 6:11 PM.

J. Kamm motioned to accept the Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan, seconded by M. Goughan; vote unanimous.

Agenda #8: Public Input/Comments

Nothing

Agenda #9: Reports from Housing Authority Staff

- A. Executive Director
 - L. Plourde handed out the first quarterly summary for calendar year 20118 and reviewed with Board.
- B. Family Self-Sufficiency/Homeownership
 - L. Plourde reviewed the first quarterly summary for the FSS Program.

Discussion was held between Board and staff about how a family can earn and forfeit their FSS escrow account.

A Homeownership Fair was held in the month of March, with 5 participants in attendance. J. Belanger was a presenter during the Fair, as a representative of Machias Savings Bank.

Agenda #10: Old/Unfinished Business

A. Schedule Meeting Dates for Remaining Calendar Year
Discussion was held on the best days of the month, quarterly -vs – monthly, week of the
month for the best Board Members.

The Board choose to have their next meeting on the last Wednesday, August 29th at 6 PM; which may need to be rescheduled due to L. Plourde out of the office that week.

L. Plourde mentioned that a meeting may need to be held before the end of the year, possibility in September to look at the Housing Agency's 2019 proposed budget; which would need to be reviewed/approved by the board before being presented to the City Council in October.

B. Set Date to Review & Discuss Bylaws

There are not official Bylaws for the Caribou Housing Agency, but a rough draft has been presented to the Board, in their binder.

- K. Murchison mentioned that L. Plourde is currently looking at additional grand funding to expand the housing program.
- J. Belanger requested that L. Plourde try to acquire a copy of Fort Fairfield Housing Authority's Bylaws to review.

Agenda #11: New Business

None

Agenda #12: General Comments

None

Agenda #13: Adjournment

J. Kamm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by M. Goughan; unanimous.

The meeting ended at 7:18 PM.

Lisa Plourde, Secretary Housing Director