



SECHA Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2021
8:30 AM

Conducted by Zoom Conference

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Norton Wheeler, Pam Days-Luketich, Bob Fusari, Mark Oefinger, David Stanland, Jim Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Carly Holzschuh.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Approve November 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the November 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Butler, Fusari). So voted unanimously.

3. Financial Report

Ms. Holzschuh presented the financial report. SCCOG staff have spent \$1,495.36, and new grant awards are incoming. Mr. Butler reported that the SCCOG audit was recently completed, with no material weaknesses found. SCCOG is the fiduciary for SECHA. Ms. Kennedy said that as Mr. Butler is retiring this summer, SECHA will need to appoint a new Treasurer. Some discussion about checking the bylaws for procedure to appoint new members, as Mr. Taylor has left Habitat for Humanity and resigned from his SECHA position as well.

MOTION: To approve the financial report (Oefinger, Stanland).

4. Updates:

a. Grant awards

Ms. Holzschuh shared that in addition to the grant awards reported in November, we are also expecting a \$5,000 check from Liberty Bank. Staff are currently finalizing a \$5,000 grant request to the Community Foundation of Eastern

Connecticut due later today, and requested that SECHA members submit letters of support.

b. Local Affordable Housing Plans

Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Holzschuh updated SECHA on our continuing Affordable Housing Plan work for Bozrah, Franklin, Griswold, Lebanon, Lisbon, Montville, Preston, Salem (adopted), and Sprague. Mr. Wheeler requested a list of projects so that SECHA can start to strategize outreach to help municipalities with implementation.

c. Center for Housing Opportunity update

Ms. Kennedy reported that we are waiting to hear from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut on how to move forward with partnering with the Center for Housing Opportunity.

5. New Business

Mr. Fusari shared that next week on 1/19/2022 at noon he will be involved in a free Zoom panel discussion called “Affordable Housing in a Pandemic World” hosted by the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce. Panelists include the Commissioner of Public Housing, a representative from UniteCT, and the past chairman of the National Association of Homebuilders.

6. The next meeting will be held March 11, at 8:30 AM.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM.