



SECHA Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2023
8:30 AM

In person at SCCOG, 5 Connecticut Ave., Norwich, CT 06360

Minutes

Attendees: Norton Wheeler, Danielle Chesebrough, Bob Fusari, Mark Oefinger, Fredy Allyn III, Nicole Haggerty, Amanda Kennedy, Julie Savin, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Deborah Monahan

1. Call to Order

Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve March 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the February 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Fusari, Oefinger). So voted unanimously.

4. Financial Report

Ms. Kennedy presented the financial report. Additional money in the amount of \$932 was spent in the months of March and April for grant reporting and the housing lookbook. The current balance is \$5,960. Ms. Kennedy stated that post-grant reports need to be completed before asking for new funds.

MOTION: To approve the financials as reported (Oefinger, Fusari). So voted unanimously.

5. Board Membership

Mr. Oefinger reported on behalf of the Membership Committee. New members are Danielle Chesebrough, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Tara Filip, and Paula Turley. Membership is renewed for Fred Allyn III, Mark Oefinger, and Bob Fusari. As this is the annual meeting for SECHA, election of officers took place. Norton Wheeler – Chair, Susy Hurlbert – Vice-Chair, Amanda Kennedy – Treasurer, David Stanland – Secretary.

5. Center for Housing Opportunity Update

Beth Sabilia, Director of Center for Housing Equity and Opportunity in Eastern Connecticut will be invited to the next SECHA board meeting to provide an update.

6. Workplan Activities

Ms. Haggerty provided an update on the lookbook. She is compiling resources to include in the document, and will begin reaching out to different groups and stakeholders for testimonials. The idea of this workplan is to help with implementation of affordable housing plans. The document will be a tool to commissioners and will be a tool to reach back out to commissions. Ms. Hurlbert suggested that there may be a Realtors Association grant available for work on the lookbook.

Mr. Allyn brought up the new required training for Land Use Commissioners. Ms. Kennedy said it could be used as a tool to train commissioners, since there is a mandatory 1 hour of affordable housing training. The board would like to work with SCCOG to develop affordable housing training that would satisfy this requirement for commissioners. The training could be held in October/November and SECHA board members could present the information.

7. New Business

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday, July 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM in person at SCCOG.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn (Monahan, Fusari). Meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.