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*SPECIAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, July 28, 2021, HELD AT 2 SCHOOL STREET,
HATFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.*

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with Chairperson John Wilkes presiding.

Roll Call: Chair John Wilkes, Alex Malinowski, Judy Schell, and Mike Hogan. Christopher Smith was absent. Tenants present were Roland Laurin and Susan Korpita.

OLD BUSINESS

Project #127040 – Approval of Close Out Documents: The Board was given a copy of the letter written by Dean Couture, contractor for project #127040: Residing of the Community Building, as well as Small Requisitions #3, Change Order #1, and the Certificate of Final Completion. The Director began by stating the emergency meeting was called for the Board to approve Small Requisitions #3 and Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,906.25 to Dean Couture General Contracting. (Issues with the job were presented during July's regularly scheduled meeting during which the Board withheld payment to Dean Couture.) The Director noted the Board could not withhold more than the value of the repairs.

The Director gave the Board the backstory as to how Tom Boyer, DHCD's construction advisor for HHA, became involved with this project, which is an RCAT project, which initiated Chair Wilkes to call the Special Meeting of July 28, 2021. Chair Wilkes asked if the Board should obtain another opinion regarding the issues noticed at the completion of the project. Judy Schell explained in her own due diligence she had an independent contractor - Wilcox Builders - examine the siding job and was given an estimate of approximately \$2,000.00 to make the repairs requested by the Board. Mike Hogan then referred to a conversation he had with Michael McGrath (a Hatfield resident who was at the regular July meeting to point out a defect he noticed with the siding); allegedly, Michael McGrath had a conversation with Dean Couture during which it is alleged he asked Dean if he "shot the building" to which Dean replied no and allegedly asked Michael McGrath how to fix the unlevel siding in question. Mike Hogan then referred to the recommendation for approval letter written by Steve Larry - HHA's RCAT Project Manager at the time – quoting Steve's line "his attention to detail is impressive." Mike Hogan posed the question to the Board: is there collusion between RCAT and the architect, Roy

Brown, being that the Board does not feel there is attention to detail? Chair Wilkes added they seem to be complicit. Mike Hogan suggested HHA has the building shot to see if it is truly unlevel. Judy Schell cited Dean's letter in that the siding is aligned with the gutters, as Judy felt no one should be aligning siding with gutters. Alex Malinowski agreed with Judy.

Mike Hogan went on to say he was embarrassed for both Steve Larry and Roy Brown and these circumstances are very frustrating; this is the residents' home, and they must look at the siding for years to come. Mike Hogan added he does not feel Dean is at fault in the situation because both RCAT and the architect Roy Brown had both okayed his work upon completion, but that if the Board let this instance occur it will continue to happen.

The Director will seek opinions from three additional contractors regarding the siding and present the findings to the Board.

Alex Malinowski made a motion to accept Small Requisitions #3 and Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,906.25 to Dean Couture General Contracting, seconded by Judy Schell. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Judy Schell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Hogan. All in favor; none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenna Duquette, Secretary