

MINUTES  
**DRAFT**  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PORTSMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY  
245 MIDDLE STREET, PORTSMOUTH, NH  
April 10, 2024 – 2:00p.m.

Chair Ferrini called the meeting to order.

**I. ROLL CALL**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>LATE ARRIVAL</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Commissioner Bergeron		Chair Ferrini
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Pickering		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		

**Also present:** Executive Director Craig Welch, Finance Director Valerie Labrie, Community Engagement Director Andrea Pickett, Operations Manager Mary Kelliher

Vice Chair Rodenhizer declared a quorum present.

**II. READING OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioner Main motioned to waive the reading of the minutes dated March 13, 2024 and accept as presented. Commissioner Pickering seconded the motion.**

**The votes were as follows:**

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Pickering		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		

**The motion passed.**

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no comment from the public.

### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Welch informed the Board that he and Andrea Pickett accepted the Presidents' Community Partner Award from Campus Compact for New Hampshire. Dr. Cheryl Lesser, Great Bay Community College President, nominated the PHA for this award.

### **V. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Welch summarized his report from the Board packet.

### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Sherburne School Workforce Housing Development Update**

The Housing Committee meetings have been ongoing. There will be another Housing Committee meeting tomorrow. The Committee may then make a recommendation of some kind to City Council regarding the site and next steps.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Christ Church Housing Development Announcement**

Mr. Welch referred to the news article that was published on April 9 in the Portsmouth Herald, announcing the partnership between the PHA, the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire, and HAVEN to redevelop the 3.4-acre Christ Church property at 1035 Lafayette Road. The site is set to have workforce housing units, a new headquarters for HAVEN, renovated facilities for Little Blessings Child Care Center, and a new worship space.

Mr. Welch noted that the site is subject to a historical review. A ground-penetrating radar study has been done for the cemetery area. Remains were found outside of the marked cemetery walls, which pushes the developable area over.

**VIII. OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

The Board discussed the status of Betty’s Dream, in regards to the decrease in vacancies.

The Board discussed the plans for the property at 200 Greenleaf Avenue, which is scheduled to close on May 1st.

**Commissioner Main motioned to accept the operational reports. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion.**

**The votes were as follows:**

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Pickering		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		

**The motion passed.**

**IX. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

There was no discussion.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.**

**The votes were as follows:**

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>
Commissioner Bergeron		
Commissioner Griffin		
Commissioner Main		
Commissioner Pickering		
Commissioner Rodenhizer		

**The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Craig W. Welch  
Secretary

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**Accepted by:** Kara Rodenhizer      Thomas G. Ferrini  
Vice Chair                                      Chair

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Date