# **Minutes FY 2018**

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Minutes of Marlborough Community Development Authority Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Opened: 6:31 p.m. | Meeting Closed: 7:21 p.m.

### Attendance of Regular January 30th, 2018 MCDA Board Meeting

Summary-of-Motions-

- 1. Mayor/Chair Arthur G. Vigeant
- 2. Paul Sliney (Tenant Representative) (ABSENT)

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- 3. Stefanie Ferrecchia (Real Estate Rep.)
- 4. Renee Perdicaro (Regular Member)
- 5. Dennis Cavanaugh (Regular Member)
- 6. David Morticelli (Fin. Rep)
- 7. Douglas M. Bushman, Director
- 8. Diane Smith, (City Auditor) Non Voting Member
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- 11. Wayne Darragh, CDBG Consultant
- 12. Thomas DiPersio, Jr., City Engineer

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<ol> <li>Motion to Approve Minutes for December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting</li> <li>Motion to Approve Payables for All Programs</li> </ol>	(Approved)
<ol> <li>Motion to Approve Financials July-December   FY18</li> <li>Motion to Approve New OPEB Trust</li> </ol>	(Approved) (Approved)
A. Housing	
1. Motion to Approve Final Completion FISH 170077	(Approved)
B. CDA	

1. Motion to Open Discussion for Public Comments for CDBG - 2018

2. Motion to Approve Mayor/ Chair Authority for Submission of Grant

3. Motion to Approve Community Development Strategy

Minutes of Marlborough Community Development Authority Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting Opened: 8:45 a.m. | Meeting Closed: 9:04 a.m.

### Attendance of Regular December 28th, 2017 MCDA Board Meeting

- 1. Mayor/Chair Arthur G. Vigeant
- 2. Paul Sliney (Tenant Representative)
- 3. Stefanie Ferrecchia (Real Estate Rep.)
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3.	Motion to Approve November 2017 Financials / FY18	(Approved
4.	Motion to Approve New OPEB Trust	(Tabled)
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Board Meeting Start: 8:45am

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Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the MCDA is working on a draft Community Development Strategy (CDS) for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to be presented at the January board meeting. The MCDA is to hold a second community hearing on January 10t, 2018. There was good attendance at the first hearing in December. The MCDA is waiting on input from Department heads.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that Attorney Also Cipriano wants to close the Harakles file because the cost is only increasing. The MCDA is waiting on a letter from his office on the matter. Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant motioned to table this matter until next board meeting. *The motion was tabled with no abstentions.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman continued with an update on the Randall's case - Attorney Cipriano is preparing motions. An update on this case will take place in the January meeting. Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant asked if the two (2) rehabilitation projects are completed. Executive Director Douglas Bushman answered affirmatively and noted that the mortgages will soon be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant motioned to adjourn. The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.

Meeting Closed: 9:04am

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2. Motion to Approve Subordination Policy

- 9. Brian Doheny, (City Comptroller/Treas.) Non Voting Member
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	2. Motion to Approve Payables for All Programs	(Approved
	3. Motion to Approve September 2017 Financials / FY18	(Approved
A.	Housing	
	1. Motion to Approve FY 2018 HUD S/8 Audit	(Approved
	2. Motion to Approve DHCD AUP Audit	(Approved
	3. Motion to Approve Substantial Completion FISH #170061	(Approved
	4. Motion to Approve Certificate of Final Completion FISH #170062	(Approved
В.	CDA	

(Approved)

Board Meeting Start: 8:45am

Board member Paul Sliney motioned to approve the meeting minutes November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. He added that Dennis Cavanaugh's "Tenant Representative" designation should be switched to "Regular Member" and "297 Bolton Street" should be switched to "397 Bolton Street". Board member Renee Perdicaro's last name was corrected as well. *The motion was made carried and approved*.

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Board member Dennis Cavanaugh motioned to approve the Payables for All Programs October 2017. Board member David Morticelli abstained. *The motion was made carried and approved.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman mentioned that the MCDA is still waiting on the Budget Guidelines from DHCD and is currently operating on a FY 2017 budget. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh motioned to approve the September 2017 Financials. *The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.* 

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Executive Director Douglas Bushman continued - the MCDA is expecting 20 to 30 vacancies in FY 2018 – similar to FY2017. The MCDA's turnover rate was reviewed by the State and found to meet all of their expectations. Board member Paul Sliney concurred with their outstanding performance from FY2017 to FY2018. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh had a question on the State Elderly Waitlist, "are all of those 74 people qualified? Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that no, they are only accepted applications. He further stated that when they come up next on the list for housing then the qualification process starts.

MCDA employee Chad Carter passed out an email from the Website Program Manager giving information about upcoming training dates in December. He will be attending along with other MCDA staff. Executive Director Douglas Bushman added that the MCDA will be starting the adding of content to the website process very soon.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that Guyder/Hurley Section 8 auditors issued no audit findings. In addition, the program's net financial position improved from the previous fiscal year. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh motioned to approve the FY17 Section 8 Audit. *The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Audit had minor issues which include: the Executive Director's Contract has not been signed by DHCD and some contract issues with procurement. DHCD wants a blanket contract for a single vendor in which many projects total more than \$10,000.00. He noted that the MCDA also completed the Performance Management Review Audit (PMR) meeting its expectations. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh motioned to approve the AUP Audit. *The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman continued with a brief update of the BlueWave Capital Net Metering Project. The MCDA has saved over \$70,000.00 so far, with credits rolling in two (2) of their three (3) properties. The kiosks will be available in January – the MCDA is waiting on a decision on the locations. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked what the MCDA plans on doing with the savings. Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that the savings on net metering credits will go towards the increased water costs. The MCDA has also increased the laundry costs to offset this expense.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman moved on to heading number 6 - National Grid Residential Multifamily Program. The MCDA has received grant funding from National Grid after an extensive study was done on their light needs at 240 Main and 397 Bolton Street. These monies will see additional lighting improvements and pay for ten (10) energy efficient refrigerators and will result in lower work orders calls for light bulb changes.

The MCDA held a Pleasant Street HLAPP meeting in October 2017 about the asbestos findings. The projected timeline of the project includes: Design completed by February 2018, Bidding by March/April 2017, and ground-breaking by August/September 2018. The MCDA is also working on converting a little less than \$300,000.00 from NSP funds into CDBG funds to put towards the Pleasant St. Modernization project. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh had a question on 20 Front St improvements. Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that the MCDA plans on repairing – not replacing – the vinyl siding of the property. He then asked for questions on Pleasant St. - no questions.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman gave a brief synopsis of the Liberty Hill Lock Replacement project. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh motioned to approve substantial completion of FISH #170061 – Liberty Hill Lock Replacement. *The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.* 

Executive Director Douglas busman mentioned that the windows at Bolton Street are a high priority. Board member Paul Sliney added that the sliders turned out great, and he's heard nothing but positive reviews so far from other tenants. He agreed with Douglas Bushman that the windows are an issue. They aren't sealed properly, and they leak air. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh questioned of there are asbestos issues. Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that there might be, and that the MCDA plans on gutting out a unit for a study to determine if there is or not.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman moved on to FISH #170080 – Bolton Street Alarms. Board member Paul Sliney noted that the effort of Giombetti Electric and the MCDA's staff was excellent and there have been no false alarms since the repairs have been completed. Douglas Bushman noted that a changer order was issued which doubled the cost of the project from under 10,000.00 to over \$20,000.00. He informed the board that this change order was made on consultation with the MCDA's DHCD construction advisor Tom Mulvey.

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calculation and send it over to Comptroller Brian Doheny and Auditor Diane Smith. Comptroller Brian Doheny added that the MCDA's argument of the Randall's being unjustly enriched holds water. Executive Director Douglas bushman noted that the Randall's are CPA's and should have known that interest accrues with non-payment.

Board member Dennis Cavanaugh stated that he would like to get Winter Street on next month's agenda. There is no reason for the MCDA to continue to hold onto it – it should be sold. Mr. Bushman suggested a conversation with the Chair of the MCDA should commence on this idea.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman mentioned that his contract will be expiring January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and that DHCD has new compliance forms and requirements for new executive director contracts.

Executive Director asked the board if next month's board meeting date of December 28<sup>th</sup> works. There are no objections. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh motions to adjourn. *The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions*.

Meeting Closed: 9:40am

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- 9. Brian Doheny, (City Comptroller/Treas.) Non Voting Member
- 10. Vonnie Morris, MCDA Employee

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A. Housing	
<ul> <li>4. Motion to Approve 2018 HUD S/8 Payment Standards</li> <li>5. Motion to Approve #12 to DHCD Work Plan 5001</li> <li>6. Motion to Approve Bid Asbestos 170060</li> </ul>	(Approved) (Approved) (Approved)
B. CDA	
7. Motion to Approve Subordination Policy as Amended	(Tabled)

Motion to approve minutes from the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting approved with no nays. Motion to approve payables and financials for October 2017 made and approved with no nays. Executive Director Douglas Bushman briefly discussed the vacancy rate for our State Elderly Housing Program which is very good.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman then spoke of the MCDA dedicated website stating the process is on a temporary hold pending the release of the DHCD FY 2018 budget guidelines which is to include \$10,000.00 in funds allocated for web development.

Executive Director discussed the results of DHCD Performance Management Review (PMR). Several aspects of the review were mentioned and that over-all we did an excellent job. The MCDA formula funding spending ratio is 136% with the standard being 80%. The maintenance staff impressed the auditors. There were no audit findings but several recommendations were made. Mayor Arthur Vigeant stated he wants a plan in place to make corrections needed. The AUP (Agreed Upon Procedures) Audit as well as the Section 8 Audit were discussed. We should have the results in about two (2) weeks. Doug also spoke of the MCDA being designated as a High Performer on HUD SEMAP with a score of 135, highest available score. Mayor Arthur Vigeant and Paul Sliney congratulated us on the performance.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman briefly mentioned the light audit conducted by Trust Energy Solutions for our properties at 240 Main Street and 397 Bolton Street. One of the biggest issues we are having are with the man hours being used to change light bulbs and to complete work orders.

MCDA employee Vonnie Morris briefly explained the process for approving new payment standards. The MCDA calculated the proposed Payment standards at 105% of HUD Fair Market Rents (FMR) except for zero/studio bedroom size which is 100% of FMR. Mayor Arthur Vigeant asked why we didn't just make it 105% across the board. Vonnie answered we don't have any voucher holders of that size, no SRO's and no inquires. The motion to approve Payment standards was made carried and approved with Stefanie Ferrechia (real estate rep.) abstaining.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman next spoke of FISH 170061-Liberty Hill Lock Replacement was completed and there have been only a couple minor issues and that we would be closing out the project next month. Doug also mentions FISH 170075- Window Replacement project at 297 Bolton Street, should be going out to bid in January 2018. FISH 170077-Low-flow toilets/240 Main street were also discussed. DHCD allowed original low bidder to back out of the project. References for the next lowest bidder, Byors & Sons Mechanical have all been checked. They received good recommendations. We hope to start this project in January 2018. FISH 17080 Bolton Street Alarm Repair – Emergency repairs were needed to the upgraded system installed 2010. Giombetti completed updates last night, Paul Sliney said. DHCD is looking into warranty.

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Executive Director Douglas Bushman then spoke of the MCDA dedicated website stating the process is on a temporary hold pending the release of the DHCD FY 2018 budget guidelines which is to include \$10,000.00 in funds allocated for web development.

Executive Director discussed the results of DHCD Performance Management Review (PMR). Several aspects of the review were mentioned and that over-all we did an excellent job. The MCDA formula funding spending ratio is 136% with the standard being 80%. The maintenance staff impressed the auditors. There were no audit findings but several recommendations were made. Mayor Arthur Vigeant stated he wants a plan in place to make corrections needed. The AUP (Agreed Upon Procedures) Audit as well as the Section 8 Audit were discussed. We should have the results in about two (2) weeks. Doug also spoke of the MCDA being designated as a High Performer on HUD SEMAP with a score of 135, highest available score. Mayor Arthur Vigeant and Paul Sliney congratulated us on the performance.

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Further discussion of the new Subordination Policy but no vote taken held over for the November 2017 Board meeting.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:31 am.

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Minutes of Marlborough Community Development Authority Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting Opened: 8:45 a.m. | Meeting Closed: 9:19 a.m.

### Attendance of Regular September 28th, 2017 MCDA Board Meeting

- Mayor/Chair Arthur G. Vigeant
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   Stefanie Ferrecchia (Real Estate Rep.)
   Renee Perdicaro (Regular Member) (Absent)
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### **Summary of Motions**

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	2.	Motion to Approve Payables for All Programs	(Approved)
	3.	Motion to Approve Financials for All Programs 7/2017	(Approved)
	4.	Motion to Approve Financials for All Programs 8/2017	(Approved)
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	1.	Motion to Approve Substantial Completion – Sliders FF 170062	(Approved)
	2.	Motion to Approve Lowest Responsive Bidder – Low Flow Toilets FF 170	077 (Approved)
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	1.	Motion to Approve Subordination Policy	(Tabled)

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Smith mentioned that she would like all the correspondence on this subject forwarded to her for her review. MCDA employee Chad Carter concurred.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that one of the clients of the NSP program has deceased. The MCDA has been to the property and has planned to get pest control in there along with identified a scope of work. DHCD said the MCDA has never filed an affordability deed rider. The MCDA with DHCD on that. Mayor Arthur Vigeant wanted to know how much the MCDA believes it can get for the property. He noted that he wants it cleaned up as soon as possible to be rented out before winter comes. The MCDA immediately got a contractor in the property to clean and completed a review. Mayor Arthur Vigeant stated that if the MCDA has own the property then fix it up, and sell it after the affordability restriction is over. But for now, the MCDA needs to get someone in there. Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated the deed restriction is over in 2025.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman moved on to the subordination policy. This is a new policy that the Sub-Lending Committee has come up with. Attorney Aldo Cipriano included language stating there will be no subordination for revolving mortgages. Mayor Arthur Vigeant asked, "thoughts"? He then stated that there is no reason why we must do this today. Does the board want to table this for next month? After some discussion over income qualifications, Mayor Arthur Vigeant motioned to table until next meeting. *The motion was made to table which was approved.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman transitioned to the Nutter case. They have settled for a little under \$10.000.00 – the MCDA has not received the check yet. The Harakles case is still at legal. There was an issue on the foreclosure proceedings. Attorney Aldo Cipriano is to file a summary judgement on the Randall's case. Twenty-six (26) files have fallen to the three (3) previously mentioned. Mayor Arthur Vigeant mentioned that the files have been cleaned up – are there any questions? Paul Sliney noted that the Nutter case cost the MCDA, but it's off the books now. Executive Director Douglas Bushman agreed. The Randall's have not settled and will be going to court. The MCDA believes they should pursue the Harakles – but they are in the preliminary stages of that case. Board member Stefanie Ferrecchia agrees that legal costs are worth it in the long run.

MCDA employee Chad Carter briefly explained the CDA finances. The CDA is healthy after many closings in FY2107. Board member Brian Doheny asked if this was cash? MCDA employee Chad Carter answered affirmatively.

Board member Brian Doheny mentioned an upcoming auction for Spring/State St. Mayor Arthur Vigeant noted that it will be interesting to see where it comes in.

Mayor Vigeant motions to adjourn. The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions

Meeting Closed: 9:19am

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1. Motion to Approve Minutes July 27th, 2017, Meeting (Approved) (Approved) Motion to Approve Payables for All Programs (Approved) Motion to Approve FY 2017 End Financials

### A. Housing

4. Motion to Approve Change Order | FISH #170061

(Approved)

B. CDA

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mediate the trip hazard. Board member Paul Sliney stated that some people believe that stepping out and down is a trip hazard, even with the bevel. Some might have problems with the repaired slider. DHCD agreed with the MCDA in that they aren't liable to pay substantial completion. Board member Paul Sliney stated that the substantial completion had been postponed. Tom Mulvey will work on getting the door provider to come out and take a look. Besides the trip hazard the doors are very nice, but that issue needs to be addressed. Executive Director Douglas Bushman agreed and said the providers will be out sometime in September. Board member Paul Sliney said he will be there. When the doors were installed, the side of the door frame was bowed. He read the instruction manual and believes they were installed incorrectly. Executive Director will send the exact date to the board in case anyone else would like to join. Tom Mulvey is the project Manager and is not happy with the overall quality of the project. Kang won't get paid until problem is fixed.

The low-flow toilets have been approved by DHCD, who assigned an architect. The goal of the project is to reduce water usage at Main St. Board member Paul Sliney asked if the MCDA will be contracting out to which Douglas Bushman replied yes. Giombetti sent in a revised proposal, and he is confident in their work.

Habitat for Humanity site visits were conducted in July. A scope of work was prepared, and sent to a list of local contractors. Executive Director Douglas Bushman went over the lending terms—a traditional 50-year mortgage with 0% interest which does not allow for transfers. The finalists will be called in in the weeks to come and will be shown completed legal documents with a Q&A session to take place as well. Attorney Aldo Cipriano has completed the legal documents and has started to draft a contract between the MCDA and Habitat for Humanity. Each property will receive up to \$5,000.00 from the MCDA. Habitat for Humanity will cover anything over that. The funds being used are CDBG program income which still have strings attached to them. Executive Director Douglas Bushman believes this is a great way for the staff to get involved in the process and gain experience if the MCDA were to receive CDBG funding in FY18. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh stated that since the finalists were picked, the application should be taken off the website to avoid any confusion as to whether the MCDA was still taking applications. Executive Director Douglas Bushman agreed, but if an applicant drops off, the MCDA will look for another applicant to take their place.

The MCDA had the lowest scored CDBG application for FY17. The MCDA will be granted read only access to a successful grant in which they can compare findings. Board member Renee Perdicaro asked how much they paid the consultants. Executive Director Douglas Bushman answered, "\$7,000.00". Mayor Vigeant mentioned that all other consultants didn't want to touch the MCDA due to how late in the process it was, so MAPPLAN was the only choice. Executive Director noted that the CDBG is a complex, consultant driven application. The MCDA prepared the documents off a long list of attachments that the consultants drew up. The MCDA did what was needed. Going forward, the MCDA would consider partnering with Hudson because they have access to a well-known grant writer. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked if they were winners. Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that Jack Hunter, Hudson, believes they are. He also noted that if that fell through, he and Chad carter have enough experience to submit

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(Approved)

2. Motion to Approve Payables for All Programs

(Approved)

#### A. Housing

3. Motion to Approve Additional Award FISH #170062

(Approved)

4. Motion to Approve Award FISH #170077

(Approved)

#### B. CDA

The Board Meeting took place on the fourth floor in the Mayor's conference room at City Hall.

Board Meeting Start: 8:45am

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Executive Director Douglas Bushman started off by mentioning the payables have been modified to include all programs with the additions of NSP and CDA. Mayor Vigeant motioned to approve the payables for all programs. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked what work Bob Dolan had done. Douglas Bushman noted that he had completed work with HVAC systems. *The motion was made carried and approved.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the MCDA has been very good in turning around units, although there has been an increase in vacancies. Sometimes new tenants arrive and leave for health reasons months later. FY18 is projected to see less vacancies than FY17. Mayor Vigeant added that we will probably see less vacancies after next year due to the relocation. Douglas Bushman noted that we will most likely not see relocation until FY19.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman mentioned he had received an email from DHCD that FY17 needs to be submitted by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Vigeant asked if they will be closing their books by then? Douglas Bushman answered, "probably not", but he will be sending a request to push back the deadline for the MCDA. Mayor Vigeant asked if this deadline had been sent to all housing authorities, and Douglas Bushman answered, "some housing authorities have different fiscal year ends". The board agreed not to move the August board meeting to an earlier date.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman then described how the MCDA stand-alone website has been proceeding. It will go live in unison with the cities.

MCDA employee Chad Carter gave a brief update on the Bluewave Capital net metering credits. Two of the three properties have credits rolling, and the payment for the other property has been drastically reduced. The MCDA is still waiting on its payment of \$22,500.00. Mayor Vigeant stated that this should be accruing in FY17, and is the reason why we will not be able to close out the fiscal year by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman gave a brief summation on the interns work this summer, and added that they were a lot of help and their addition was much appreciated.

DHCD has sent the MCDA \$47,800.00 in additional fund for rehab & modernization to be applied in FY17.

Board member Renee Perdicaro asked if the MCDA has increased the price of doing laundry. Executive Director said yes, and Automatic Laundry is making the machines more efficient. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked how the cards work. Board member Paul Sliney added that they hold up to \$60.00 and explained the process of adding funds and using the cards in the machine. Board member David Morticelli asked, "what if the cards are broken or stolen?" Board member Paul Sliney explained further that a new card could be bought.

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Board Meeting Start: 8:45am

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Executive Director Douglas Bushman started off by mentioning the payables have been modified to include all programs with the additions of NSP and CDA. Mayor Vigeant motioned to approve the payables for all programs. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked what work Bob Dolan had done. Douglas Bushman noted that he had completed work with HVAC systems. *The motion was made carried and approved.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the MCDA has been very good in turning around units, although there has been an increase in vacancies. Sometimes new tenants arrive and leave for health reasons months later. FY18 is projected to see less vacancies than FY17. Mayor Vigeant added that we will probably see less vacancies after next year due to the relocation. Douglas Bushman noted that we will most likely not see relocation until FY19.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman mentioned he had received an email from DHCD that FY17 needs to be submitted by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Vigeant asked if they will be closing their books by then? Douglas Bushman answered, "probably not", but he will be sending a request to push back the deadline for the MCDA. Mayor Vigeant asked if this deadline had been sent to all housing authorities, and Douglas Bushman answered, "some housing authorities have different fiscal year ends". The board agreed not to move the August board meeting to an earlier date.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman then described how the MCDA stand-alone website has been proceeding. It will go live in unison with the cities.

MCDA employee Chad Carter gave a brief update on the Bluewave Capital net metering credits. Two of the three properties have credits rolling, and the payment for the other property has been drastically reduced. The MCDA is still waiting on its payment of \$22,500.00. Mayor Vigeant stated that this should be accruing in FY17, and is the reason why we will not be able to close out the fiscal year by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman gave a brief summation on the interns work this summer, and added that they were a lot of help and their addition was much appreciated.

DHCD has sent the MCDA \$47,800.00 in additional fund for rehab & modernization to be applied in FY17.

Board member Renee Perdicaro asked if the MCDA has increased the price of doing laundry. Executive Director said yes, and Automatic Laundry is making the machines more efficient. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked how the cards work. Board member Paul Sliney added that they hold up to \$60.00 and explained the process of adding funds and using the cards in the machine. Board member David Morticelli asked, "what if the cards are broken or stolen?" Board member Paul Sliney explained further that a new card could be bought.

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MCDA employee Jen Sleeper held a meeting, in which around 30 tenants showed up, to explain the relocation process. A survey was provided and additional meetings are scheduled for more input from the tenants. Mayor Vigeant added that he is disappointed DHCD will not work with the MCDA in terms of using the \$300,000.00 in NSP monies towards the Pleasant Street modernization project. He said DHCD quoted a \$350,000.00 price tag to modernize each unit which seems very high. Mayor Vigeant is not happy that DHCD will not work the MCDA to obtain the necessary funding to reconstruct Pleasant the right way. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh noted that if we were to receive the NSP funds then it will happen. Mayor Vigeant mentioned that we are patching an old project instead of building a new property from the ground up. He also mentioned the advantage of another story to the buildings. Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that there are other issues they are dealing with including parking.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman went on to describe the status of the other FISH projects that are currently underway. Windsor street has been completed and has been submitted for reimbursement. The CIP has been approved with the addition of future projects including windows at Bolton Street. He went on to thank MCDA employee Frank Hinckley and Gary Patricks for their time in installing the two new boilers at Main and Pleasant Street which saved a lot of money.

There was an HIILAPP meeting held on July 13<sup>th</sup> about the asbestos found at Pleasant Street. Board member Paul Sliney added that they should take one unit and turn it into a mock unit to see what we're dealing with in terms of price and time to complete. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh stated that he pushed the architect to get drawings completed and reminded everyone how deep the MCDA is into this project. Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that DHCD will not achieve what they are trying to by decreasing the size of this project. Mayor Vigeant stated that it should be torn down and built anew; the board concurred. Executive Director Douglas Bushman mentioned that the discovery of the asbestos will increase the scope of work, but DHCD is trying to limit it. Asbestos is a different pot of money and DHCD is not going to build windows after removing asbestos.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that MCDA employee Jen Sleeper had sent a request to DHCD in May 2017 describing the legality of using the NSP funds for this project, but the MCDA has received nothing back. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh noted that the MCDA needs that money. Mayor Vigeant added that the MCDA will be receiving that money. Douglas Bushman then said, "If DHCD denies us, they at least need to tell us why".

Board member Paul Sliney motioned to approve FISH #170062 – Bolton Sliders. *The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions*.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the final recommendation from DHCD is to replace the roof at 240 Main Street – which will be discussed in more detail next month. Board member Paul Sliney motions to approve FISH #170077 – Low Flow Toilets at 240 Main Street. The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman continued the meeting by discussing the Critical Home Repair Program. There are twelve (12) properties that have been approved, which was narrowed down to five (5). If all five (5) accepted the terms of the program, then a site visit will be scheduled

at their properties. The MCDA has sent the loan documents to Attorney Aldo Cipriano for them to be updated. There will also be a Lending Sub-Committee that will look at the terms of these documents. These will be the first loans given since 2013. Habitat for Humanity will be putting up some monies for the construction as well. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked what terms Habitat for Humanity has. Executive Director Douglas Bushman added that they have unsecured 5 year loans.

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#### **MCDA Board Minutes**

Minutes of Marlborough Community Development Authority Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting Opened: 8:45 a.m. | Meeting Closed: 9:51 a.m.

## Attendance of Regular February 23rd, 2017 MCDA Board Meeting

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- 1. Mayor/Chair Arthur G. Vigeant
- 2. Paul Sliney (Tenant Representative)
- 3. Stefanie Ferrecchia (Real Estate Rep.)
- Renee Perdicaro (Regular Member) (Absent)
- 5. Dennis Cavanaugh (Regular Member)
- 6. David Morticelli (Fin. Rep)
- 7. Douglas M. Bushman, Director
- 8. Diane Smith, (City Auditor) Non-Voting Member
- 9. Brian Doheny, (City Comptroller/Treas.) Non-Voting Member
- 10. Chad Carter, MCDA Employee

Summary of Motions

1. Motion to Approve Minutes May 25th, 2017, Meeting (Approved)

A. Housing

2. Motion to Approve Payables for Housing (Approved)

3. Motion to Approve MCDA FY 2017 Modified Budgets (Approved)

B. CDA

4. Motion to Approve Payables for CDA (Approved)

5. Motion to Approve MCDA Board Lending Subcommittee (No Action)

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The Board Meeting took place on the fourth floor in the Mayor's conference room at City Hall.

Board Meeting Start: 8:45am

Mayor Vigeant motioned to approve the meeting minutes May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.

Mayor Vigeant asked the board members that are taking the training to make sure its complete.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman mentioned that the vacancies have stabilized, and the fiscal year is off by \$30,000.00. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asks MCDA employee Chad Carter why there are multiple checks for the water & sewer expenses. Chad Carter mentioned that after a meeting with Commissioner Ghiloni and Michele Higgins, it was determined that there be multiple checks for each separate account of Bolton St. to end the fiscal year with a \$0.00 balance in the Bolton St. accounts.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated the MCDA has filed an application for low-flow toilets, which will help decrease the water expense. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked why they need multiple meters for each building. Mayor Vigeant answered it is so we can see specifically where the leaks are coming from. Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that the MCDA is exploring multiple meters in other buildings as well. He motioned to approve the housing payables for the month of June. *The motion was made carried and approved.* 

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the MCDA has included the NSP program in their budget for FY17 which will adjust some line items. The MCDA will finish the fiscal year with the reimbursement of outstanding FISH project invoices and will apply forced accounting to two others for maintenance labor supplied by our maintenance men for the two boiler projects. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked if there will be a summary sheet for entire fiscal year, and Executive Director Douglas Bushman answered that yes, there will be one supplied at the July Meeting. He motioned to approve Modified FY 2017 Modified Budgets. *The motion was made carried and approved.* 

Mayor Vigeant mentioned that he visited the Bluewave Net Metering solar farm, and that it was very interesting.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that Chad Carter is working with Lora Markova to make sure that the website is integrated with the cities. The MCDA will create a sub-domain which will be accessible from the cities website. The MCDA hopes to have the website operational in the Fall when the cities is launched.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that the first OPEB meeting was held this morning which discussed governing issues and explored other matters.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman mentioned that Advocates will be paying the MCDA monthly rent retro to July 1 of last year based off a new contract that was signed in June. This contract will increase their rent to \$2,799.00.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that the MCDA is in the process of reviewing DPW and public facility wage rates for supervisors.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the MCDA is grateful for the college interns and the work they are doing. Alyana Vera is currently working on the Habitat for Humanity Project, while Christopher Clancy is assisting Chad Carter with the website design.

Mayor Vigeant asked Chad Carter, "Didn't you start as an intern?" Chad Carter stated yes and that he was thankful for the opportunity given to him.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that the CIP was approved. 20 front street projects, windows at Bolton street, sliders in July, and lock replacement are some of the additions to the CIP. At 240 Main Street apartments, several tenants along with Frank Hinckley have been locked inside their apartment. Gordon Yuen, DHCD, is very upset and mentioned to Frank that if there is no contract by next week, then they will find a new contractor. This project is aimed to begin in the Fall. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked how this contractor was picked. Executive Director Douglas Bushman answered that they were determined to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that Mark Southard, DHCD, wants a response on the Randall case. He also noted that Mark Southard has yet to respond to the MCDA's NSP request. Mayor Vigeant asked Executive Director Douglas Bushman what exactly are you looking for from DHCD? Executive Director Douglas Bushman explained that the MCDA requested to use the \$300,000.00 or so of unused NSP Program Income towards the Pleasant Street Modernization Project. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked if the MCDA must apply those monies specifically towards the Pleasant St. Modernization project. Executive Director Douglas Bushman answered that the MCDA would want to if they received the okay from DHCD.

Board member Paul Sliney motioned to approve the CDA June Payables Registry. The motion was made carried and approved.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman discussed the lending terms of the Habitat for Humanity project, which are 50 year, 0% interest. The MCDA will be giving out about 2 or 3 loans for home repair. He mentioned that he might want to set up a subcommittee which will discuss lending terms and applicants, etc. The 16 Clinton St. monies are not tied to grants and can be used for a variety of different programs. Mayor Vigeant asked if the board should create a separate subcommittee or meet as a committee of the whole. The board agreed to not create a separate subcommittee but to have committee meetings separate from the regular meetings to discuss lending issues. Board member David Morticelli concurred. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh agrees to be on the aforementioned committee. Mayor Vigeant noted that Executive Director Douglas Bushman should set up a time, and if board members can't make it then they will go from there if the minimum amount of board members are present for a quorum. Motion to create separate subcommittee not acted upon.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman will email everyone about the date and time. He mentioned that applicants cannot have prior CDA loans, and the CMDA is looking mainly from the French

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Hill area, but will consider outside if applicants are scarce. Board member Dennis Cavanaugh asked what the requirements are. Executive Director Douglas Bushman continues to explain the applications and income verification requirements. He also mentioned that Alyana has been doing a lot of work in this regard.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman noted that the MCDA is still waiting on a response to its FY18 CDBG application, and that they should be hearing back any day now.

The MCDA has received both the Peltak and DeBairos checks, and that the discharges will be properly recorded.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman stated that the financial standing for the CDA is great going into FY 2018, and there are sufficient monies for investments.

The MCDA is looking to close the 16 Clinton Street property as soon as possible, and these monies are not attached to any grants, so they can be used a variety of projects and more programs if the board desires. There are stipulations on what the land can used for. The Bid documents stated that a single-family house is all that is applicable.

Executive Director Douglas Bushman briefly explained the few cases still in litigation along with a new case, Harakles. MCDA employee Chad Carter mentioned that an attorney reached out to him via email about signing an indemnification agreement on the foreclosure of one of the MCDA's properties. Chad Carter immediately notified Attorney Aldo Cipriano and brought the file over for his review. Mayor Vigeant asked if the mortgage was secured. MCDA employee Chad Carter answered, yes. Mayor Vigeant asserted that Chad Carter work to get our interests back to which he concurred. Board member Stefanie Ferrecchia asked about a fifth file on the litigations list and discovered it was a typo.

Board member Paul Sliney motions to adjourn. The motion was made carried and approved with no abstentions.

Meeting Closed: 9:51am