

NHLWAA
Board of Directors Meeting
Local Government Center

September 21, 2023

Board Members in Attendance: Charlene Michaud, BJ Parker, Karen Emis-Williams, Natalie Darcy, Todd Marsh, Bob Mack, Pat Murphy, Dave Balian, Ellen Tully & Lynne Goodwin.

Minutes submitted by Natalie Darcy

Board of Directors Meeting called to order at 9:39AM

1. **Minutes for meeting 5/25/23:** Motion to accept meeting minutes by Pat and seconded by Dave. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer's Report** reviewed for May. Motion to approve the report made by Pat and seconded by Dave.
3. **Executive Board of Directors**
 - a. **Board**
 - I. **President's Report:** Todd met with Rob Waters, who had asked for a meeting with Todd. Rob is the Program Specialist III; Shelter Support at State of NH DHHS. Rob indicated that he likes the lower barrier shelter, and shelters are more transparent with open beds. Todd likes different options with family shelters. Todd continues to work on the Governor's Housing Stability Committee with Bob. The website is now updated.
 - II. **SB 110:** The bill was passed and signed by Governor Chris Sununu in June. As a Board of Directors, we will develop a standard practice with an Ad-hoc committee that includes a couple of large cities and a smaller municipality. Bab, Karen and Todd were recommended for the Cities.
 - III. **Governor's Housing Stability:** Bob stated that the committee was reviewing and re-evaluating the welfare system to see what impact it has on general assistance. Todd and Bob are trying to educate the council about general assistance. Bob stated that the council is focusing on housing and Medicaid and may keep that moving for the next 12 months.
 - IV. **Normal Business Hours:** Dave questioned what normal business hours consist of and if it should be clarified before someone else clarifies it. If nobody is at a town hall, perhaps go to the police or selectman. General Assistance has 72 hours to deal with emergencies. Todd said that maybe the legislative committee could discuss clarifying case law.
 - b. **Committee Reports**
 - I. **Legislative Committee** – Nothing new to report

- II. Training Committee** – Natalie went over today’s meeting agenda and discussed the November conference.
- III. Nomination Committee** – Jim Bingham gave his resignation to Todd. Discussion ensued about the need for more board members, as there are 3 vacancies. Potential members discussed were Valerie Morse from Haverhill who has social service background in Vermont. Catherine Graham was mentioned. Motion to nominate Valerie made by Pat and seconded by BJ. Todd will announce board openings at the meeting to attract smaller towns.
- IV. Survey Ad-Hoc Committee:** Lynne reported that there were 38 respondents. A survey handout was provided to members of the board.
- V. Other:** Pat stated that the annual meeting should be held in January or so.
- c. Adjournment:** 10:45 AM