

**SPECIAL MEETING
PROVINCETOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013**

A Special meeting of the Provincetown Housing Authority was called to order by C. Andrews, Chair, on Thursday August 15, 2013 at 5:37 pm in the Maushope Common Room at 44 Harry Kemp Way.

Provincetown Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:

PRESENT:

C. Andrews, Chair; Diana Fabbri, vice Chair; N. Jacobsen, State Appointee; Kristin Hatch, Stephen DelGizzo

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick J. Manning, Executive Director; Austin Knight, BOS Chair

- 1. Report & Discussion regarding individual members of the Board of Selectmen and other Town boards approaching Housing Authority Commissioners at their place of work to discuss Housing Authority business.**

C. Andrews informed the Board that she requested the Special meeting in response to an e-mail she received from Board member S. DelGizzo regarding being approached at work to discuss Housing Authority business. C. Andrews informed the Board that she felt it was important to schedule a meeting to support Board members and to discuss what should be done to address the issue if anything.

S. DelGizzo informed the Board that he was approached the day after the last PHA Board meeting by a BOS member at his place of employment, The Town of Provincetown COA and questioned about the PHA Board taking a vote regarding the sewer hook-up for Maushope. S. DelGizzo informed the BOS member the issue was discussed but no vote was taken. S. DelGizzo felt the BOS member was not accepting of the answer. S. DelGizzo told the BOS member that PHA meetings are open to the public and could have attended. S. DelGizzo suggested that the BOS and PHA Board might consider a Joint Meeting, in Executive Session if necessary to discuss the issue. The BOS member stated that there is a person or persons who are not getting anything done. S. DelGizzo further informed Board that he was approached at work by a member of an other Town Board after the Joint meeting

with the BOS regarding the sewer hook-up for Maushope. C. Andrews discussed that other PHA Board member have been approached at work and up to them if they felt the need to say anything. D. Fabbri informed the Board that she too was approached at work, Town of Provincetown COA by a member of a Town board after the Joint meeting with the BOS regarding Maushope and a sewer hook-up. C. Andrews discussed the issue that as Town employees, being approached by a BOS member is being approached by your boss regarding a non work related issue. The Board discussed the possible implications of this.

The Board discussed how the issue of a sewer hook-up for Maushope has been an on going for several years and created a problematic relationship with the BOS. C. Andrews stated that it feels like the PHA Board is being bullied. K. Hatch stated that she felt the issue had moved forward at the last Joint meeting with the BOS but felt disappointed that it appears not to have.

C. Andrews asked the Board what the next step if any to address the issue. D. Fabbri informed the Board she had received a call from a reporter about the issue but had not returned the call. D. Fabbri asked how the reporter knew of the issue before the meeting was even posted. C. Andrews informed the Board that she had contacted the press out of frustration with the issue. The Board spent a lot of time previously on this issue when false information was released that resulted in an article in the Cape Cod Times full of false information as well as time spent by the ED and Board clarifying the false information with DHCD in Boston. C. Andrews informed the press to make the issue public in the hope to stop the issue from continuing. K. Hatch identified that it was the 2 new Board members who were approached. C. Andrews presented 2 possible options; letter to BOS or table the matter. S. DelGizzo felt this meeting allowed the issue to be aired and vented and having the BOS Chair and a reporter attend was enough and the matter should be tabled. D. Fabbri agreed with S. DelGizzo. The Board agreed to table the matter. C. Andrews informed the Board the matter would not be on the agenda of the next Board meeting unless a Board member contacts her and request it be on the agenda.

K. Hatch motioned to adjourn, meeting adjourned 6:17

Respectfully submitted, Patrick J. Manning, Recording Secretary