

Dudley Housing Authority

Board Of Commissioners Meeting Agenda

Tuesday Feb 17th , At 6:00 PM

Rescheduled from Feb 10th due to weather

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Acceptance of Minutes
 - a) Regular Meeting January 13th
- 3) New Business
 - a) Range Grant Award: The Authority was awarded \$37K with the Fiber Internet Install Project for the following activities
 - (1) Digital Navigation/Tenant Coordination
 - (2) Digital Literacy
 - (3) Device Distribution
 - (4) Public Space Improvement
 - ii) A Budget revision and update to the ED salary will be required and presented in the upcoming meetings
 - (1) The Authority will need to account for the additional funding
 - (2) The roles of the Digital navigator & coordinator will be filled by the ED and funded through the grant program.
 - b) Backup Battery System Funding Opportunity: The MA Dept of Energy offering the opportunity to apply for funding through the Advancing Massachusetts Power (AMP) energy storage grant program, to assist in the installation of 10hr battery backup for residential programs.
 - i) The Grant would cover 75%-90% of installation costs
 - ii) Provide battery back up to residents in the event that the units lose power.
 - iii) Jeremiah Blankenbaker is requesting support from the board to move forward in the application process.
 - c) Contracted Snow removal: Due to the usual amount of snow received the Weekend of Jan 24th, the Authority had a run out of locations to store the snow cleared from the walkways and road.
 - i) Jeremiah Blankenbaker is requesting that in the event that the Community receives greater than 12 inches in a single storm, that the Authority be permitted to hire a contractor to assist in the clearing and removal of snow from the property.
 - d) Fiscal Year Budget Certifications: The Authority's Fee Accountant has completed the FY 2025 ending Dec. 31.
 - i) Jeremiah Blankenbaker is requesting Board Approval and Certification of the Authority's FY 2025 Statements.
 - e) Ductless HVAC condensers: AAir Systems has offered to assist the Authority in the procurement of multiple condensers at a discounted rate of \$3325.00 per unit for inventory (~25% cost reduction)
 - i) The condensers have been discontinued by the manufacturer, and AAir Systems' supplier s are liquidating their stock because of the change in the refrigerant used in the next generation of condensers.
 - ii) Due to the ongoing issues the Authority has experienced with the condensers, and the number that have been replaced, it was recommended that the Authority purchase a few units to for inventory, to avoid the high cost of replacing the entire Ductless Unit due to obsolescence.
 - iii) Jeremiah Blankenbaker is requesting Board approval to purchase 3 units from AAIRs at their supplier costs.

- 4) Old Business
- 5) Director's Report
 - a) Vacancies
 - i) Bld 20 2A
 - b) Treasurers Report
- 6) Any Unknown Business That May Be Missing to Come Before the Board
- 7) General Discussion
- 8) Examine vouchers, sign checks and warrants, review communication
- 9) Adjournment: