

**WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
LARCH LANE**

**MINUTES
June 23, 2023
7:00 PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session of the Wenham Housing Authority (WHA) Board of Commissioners was held on June 23, 2023 at Larch Lane, Wenham, MA 01984

Present: Martha Carr, Chairperson
Susan Herrick, Treasurer, Tenant Commissioner
Elizabeth Craig-McCormack, State Appointee
Suzanne Thomas, Tenant Commissioner
Trudy Reid, Commissioner

Also Present: Paula Mountain, WHA Executive Director
Tammy Ryan, Administrative Assistant

At 4:03 PM, Martha Carr moved to go into Executive for the following:

Purpose: 1. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

Members were given the **June 14, 2023 Legal Opinion Memorandum written by Jonathan L. Driscoll, Esq. of Driscoll & Driscoll, P.C. Attorneys at Law regarding the Allegations of Abuse and Libel presented by the Wenham Human Rights Committee.** The memorandum is considered **CONFIDENTIAL and PROTECTED BY ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE** and will not be released to the public. For record keeping, it will be stored electronically.

Each board member read the memorandum silently and it was collected back from each member at the end of the Executive Session by the Chairperson.

Chairperson Carr stated that as this is Attorney Driscoll's opinion regarding the matter what needs to be decided is who, the Chair or the Attorney, sends a letter to the Wenham Human Rights Committee and the Town Administrator concluding the investigation. Chairperson Carr felt that as it was Attorney Driscoll's opinion and he conducted the investigation, it should be him.

The chair asked that the board consider a resolution to authorize who would send a letter to the Wenham Human Rights Committee and the Town of Wenham Administrator closing the investigation.

1. Attorney Jonathan Driscoll of Driscoll & Driscoll, P.C. sends a follow-up letter to the Wenham Human Rights Committee and the Town of Wenham Administrator closing the investigation, written in consultation with the Chairperson and the Executive Director.
2. Chairperson Carr sends a follow-up letter to the Wenham Human Rights Committee and the Town of Wenham Administrator closing the investigation, written in consultation with the Executive Director.

A motion was made by Trudy Reid second by S. Thomas and unanimously accepted with a roll call vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays to accept the Opinion Memorandum of Attorney Johnathan Driscoll and have him send a follow-up letter to the Wenham Human Rights Committee and the Town of Wenham Administrator closing the investigation, written in consultation with the Chairperson and the Executive Director.

A motion was made at 4:16 by T. Reid second by S. Herrick to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Mountain,
Secretary