

REPORT OF THE WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY
2018

The Board of Commissioners along with Paula Mountain, the Executive Director, are responsible for the administration of Enon Village at the Wenham Housing Authority; the complex for the elderly/disabled on Larch Lane and two four-bedroom houses for disabled adults also on Larch Lane. The Wenham Housing Authority also works closely with town authorities. Four of the five Commissioners on the Board are elected and there must be one tenant representative elected. Each of the elected commissioners serves a five-year term; these terms are staggered. The fifth Commissioner is appointed by the Governor.

Both the elderly complex at Enon Village and the two houses for disabled adults were built with state funds. The elderly housing complex receives no operating subsidy from the state and is self-sufficient in that it relies solely on rents for its operation. The state occasionally awards grants for specific projects.

The disabled housing is leased to Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. which pays a monthly rent to the Housing Authority. In return for the rent, the Housing Authority provides assistance from its Executive Director and the Maintenance Mechanic and is responsible for capital maintenance. Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. provides the staff for the residents' needs and undertakes preventative maintenance of the buildings. The rent received from Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. is set by the Commonwealth.

With the assistance of Formula Funding through the Department of Housing and Community Development and funds from the WHA own reserves, several capital projects were completed in 2017. This year the WHA replaced the roof and window on the maintenance barn and renovated 86 Larch Lane bathroom.

Both the tenants of the disabled residences and the elderly/disabled benefit from beautiful grounds at Larch Lane which are maintained by the maintenance staff of the housing authority.

Enon Village Elderly/Disabled Housing

Anyone interested in elderly/disabled housing must complete a Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public Housing (CHAMP) and have an income below \$51,150 for one person and \$58,450 for two people. A waiting list is maintained with current residents of Wenham receiving preference. Thirteen and a half percent (13.5%), which represents 11 of our units, must go to the handicapped/disabled population who is under age 60 and meets state requirements. Rent is calculated on 30% of adjusted gross income which includes utilities.

We express our appreciation to the Police, Fire and Highway departments for their continued concern and care on behalf of the Enon Village residents

The Board of Commissioners meets 12 times per year on the second Tuesday of the month in the community building at Enon Village at 7:00 PM.

Bruce Blanchard, Chairperson

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