The monthly meeting of the Preston Housing Authority was called to order on Monday April 8, 2019 at 4:00pm.

In attendance are Dave Goss, Sara Vegliante, and Leigh Pappas. Carol Onderdonk, Executive Director, was also in attendance. Marie Perrin is excused.

The minutes from the March 11, 2019 monthly meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes by L. Pappas and seconded by M. Perrin. So moved.

BILL AND COMMUNICATIONS/TREASURER’S REPORT:

L. Pappas provided a complete review of the April 2019 receipts and disbursements.

The March Treasurer’s Report was not available.

A motion was made to approve the Bills and Communications by S. Vegliante and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

REPORT OF RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR:

Fran Minor reported the craft group has completed the beautiful stained-glass craft for the Convalescent Home. It will be delivered next week. They had Bingo today and their next project will be to paint the 20 birdhouses that were donated by Jon Gauthier.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cameras- Carol will ask Jim to smooth out remainder of dug up holes throughout the property.

Power washing gutters and buildings: All buildings have gutter guards- no need to have them power washed. This is now complete.

Routine Landscaping- Leigh spoke with Kyle Campbell about routine landscaping. He needs a better idea of the scope of work expected. S. Vegliante also recommended Spanos Landscaping for a quote. S. Vegliante had Seascape view the grass situation and give a quote for 5 applications of fertilization. The quote came in at $2250 for the year. We can also do one section to see the results this year and decide on the full property next year. The board would like to see 2 more quotes.

T-Mobile- T-Mobile rep is not returning calls/emails.
Toilet failures- Count is up to 8-9 toilets that were not installed properly during the Small Cities grant. D. Goss wants to go after the contractor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trash removal- We received 2 quotes for trash removal. Willimantic Waste was over $1000 per month. And Reli-Abel was $220. S. Vegliante made a motion to cancel current contract with CWPM and start with Reli-Abel. Seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

D. Goss recommended having Thames Electric to start doing the septic pump house inspections.

ACTION ITEMS:

L. Pappas gave a synopsis of the item’s residents brought up during the meet and greet and actions being done. Rotten garbage cans- Jim will start replacing them. Tenant parking- L. Pappas is having Hastedt come out to see if there are any possibilities for additional parking. And to look at installing more sidewalks. Activities- L. Pappas reached out to a couple different places. A letter will be sent out again to all residents that Marie Perrin is the tenant representative. Old benches, tables and garbage enclosures- going to see if Troop 75 would be interested in building some. Lawn mowing blowing into walkways- We will ask Jim to be more aware of it. Plants- people are taking them. This has already been addressed. Ray Wilber tree and memory spot- in the works. Potholes- Bob Boyd will come out to take a look. Emergency gate- B. Boyd and First Selectman Congdon stated this is a long and difficult process since it’s a state road.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

One tenant asked if he could have Comcast install a jack in his bedroom. Carol will see if electrician can do.

Tenant Kelly requested again that the pile of dirt be removed. Carol will have Jim do it. She also mentioned there’s a drain filled with mud. Carol will have Jim look at it. She also requested that to not have the landscapers trim the bushes along the houses.

The trailer that Jim uses to collect the trash is leaving tire tracks in the grass.

One resident recommended a gazebo in remembrance for Ray Wilder.

Fran reported that M. Perrin called and stated that resident Susan Crowe has called her numerous times. Susan Crowe is requested that a privacy fence screen be put up and would like to be part of the decision making for landscaping. The board denied these requests.

Another resident asked how many cameras are on the property. 12. And that she appreciates the street lighting.
A motion to go into executive session was made by S. Vegliante at 4:50pm and seconded by L. Pappas. Carol Onderdonk and Fran Minor were invited. So moved.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by S. Vegliante at 5:35pm and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Vegliante at 5:36pm and seconded by L. Pappas. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Vegliante
Secretary/ Preston Housing Authority