

Sharon Housing Authority
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2025

A regular meeting of the Sharon Housing Authority was held on August 4, 2025 at 18 Hixson Farm Road in the Community Room. Chairperson Susan Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Susan Saunders, Zannatti Rahman, Irene Hixon, David Freyman

Absent: None

- I. Approval of Minutes 6/2/2025
 - a. Motion made by Commissioner Hixson to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2025 meeting.
 - b. Motion seconded by Commissioner Freyman.
 - c. Motion approved 4-0.
- II. Approval of Warrant #27
 - a. Warrant #27 in the amount of \$87,780.12
 - i. Motion made by Commissioner Rahman to approve Warrant #27.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hixson.
 - iii. Motion approved 4-0.
- III. Approval of Warrant #28
 - a. Warrant #28 in the amount of \$101,780.88
 - i. Motion made by Commissioner Freyman to approve Warrant #28.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hixson.
 - iii. Motion approved 4-0.
- IV. Fiscal Year 2025 Year-End Statements
 - a. The Board reviewed and signed off on the FY25 year-end statements.
- V. Management Agent Report
 - a. Vacancy Report
 - i. 2 vacants, 1 additional coming up due to a death.
 - b. Work Order Report – included in the packet for Board review
 - i. Motion approved 4-0.
 - c. Project Update
 - i. 266108 – Affirm Certificate and Final Completion
 1. Motion made by Commissioner Hixson to affirm.
 2. Motion seconded by Commissioner Freyman.
 3. Motion approved 4-0.
 - ii. 266117 – Siding Phase 1
 1. Project has started and we are very happy to see the improvement.

- iii. 266121 – Siding Phase 2
- d. Resident Communication and Outreach
 - i. Memos to residents included.
 - ii. Good progress being made as a result of the tenant meeting.
 - iii. Lots of improvements and positive feedback.

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on State Board Member Appointee Process – Skai Bateman working through the process; a possibility exists that she will be seated as the State Appointed Board Member by the September meeting.

VII. New Business – Discussion of “Organic” Regionalization

- a. The Management Agent told the board he is participating in a focus group to discuss regionalization of housing authorities. The industry now is in the grips of an employment shortage; not many new candidates for executive roles as well as lower staff positions. Regionalization was discussed over 10 years ago as part of a package of reforms put forward by Governor Patrick, but it never really got off the ground due to intense local opposition to regional entities.

Due to economic forces, the topic of regionalization is once again in the very early stages of being talked about. In the case of Sharon, it would take the form of a merger with Attleboro and the other managed agencies to essentially create 1 large agency with around 700 units.

The Sharon Board let the Management Agent know that they were in opposition to this and would like to remain as a standalone entity.

VIII. Other Business

- a. Resident Comments
 - i. A resident thanked the SHA for all the improvements.
 - ii. A resident asked about training from fire department in the use of fire extinguishers.
 - iii. A resident inquired as to the status of the emergency lighting.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Motion made by Commissioner Hixson to adjourn.
- b. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rahman.
- c. Motion approved 4-0.
- d. Meeting adjourned 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Dumouchel
Management Agent