

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

July 1, 2013

The SHA's Preliminary Screening Committee met in open session at 55 Hudson Road, Sudbury, at 12:15 p.m. Those present were: Chair: Judith Deutsch; Vice Chair: Lydia Pastuszek; Treasurer: Steven Swanger; Executive Director: Jo-Ann Howe.

The purpose of the meeting was to select a candidate from among four applicants to replace Executive Director J. Howe. This finalist will be recommended to the full SHA Board at its regular meeting July 9, 2013.

Chair J. Deutsch stated that discussing the candidates in open session would be detrimental to the SHA's ability to attract qualified applicants and so an Executive Session was entered and an open session would not be reconvened.

Executive Session:

Drew Vernalia was most recently the executive director of Tewksbury Housing Authority until his one-year contract expired this year, and is now running a consulting business. He has also worked as a senior property manager for several companies since 2004 and as a senior subsidy analyst, and has a B.A. degree.

Ann St. Pierre was most recently the executive director of Melrose Housing Authority until her 5-year contract expired last year and is now teaching yoga part-time. Prior to that she was an Asset Manager at DHCD and the executive director of Georgetown Housing Authority.

Vonevelyn Morris has been the Section 8 Administrator for the Marlborough Community Development Association since 2010 and prior to that was the Management Services Assistant and Tenant Selection Coordinator at the same organization. She also works part-time as a realtor.

Sheila Cusolito has been the Sudbury Housing Authority's administrative assistant for 14 months and prior to that worked as a tenant coordinator for a housing management company. Her professional background includes project management and regular supervision of up to 5 permanent and on occasion up to 20 staff members for special projects, scientist, teaching at the university level, and she has earned a PhD. Her volunteer work includes the Sudbury Community Housing Committee, Habitat for Humanity, and Treasurer for the Sudbury Parent Teacher Organization.

The members of the Hiring Committee unanimously agreed that Sheila Cusolito is the most qualified candidate. She is smart, has a passion for housing, and relates well to people. She will be its recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Minutes prepared by Jo-Ann Howe,
Executive Director