## COLCHESTER,

## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MARCH 21, 2024

The Public Hearing portion of the Housing Authority of the Town of Colchester was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **Residents Present:**

Dublin Village: 7 Units represented. Ponemah Village: 9 Units represented. Breeds Tavern: 11 Units represented.

K Haddad opened the Public Hearing explaining the reason for the Public Hearing – Rent Increases Below is a list of residents who spoke:

P13 – Not in favor of a rent increase because it will reduce their quality of life.

P9 - Not in favor of a rent increase because the State of CT. are cutting their Food Stamps

D5 – Asked for a clarification of what their rent will – K. Haddad will meet with them separately.

B3-4 – Requested update, following inspections, on the work that will be performed at Breeds, opposed to an increase.

D30 – Asked for clarification of what their rent will be – K. Haddad will meet with them separately.

P27 - Asked for clarification of how rent will be calculated – K. Haddad will meet with them separately – also complained about the reduction in Food Stamps by the State of CT.

B3-5 – Opposed to a rent increase, asked if there are any subsidiaries available – K. Haddad to meet with them separately; also complained about numerous maintenance issues in their unit.

K. Haddad stated that Priority Needs Funding has been applied for the Breeds Tavern property, contractors are in place to begin work, when the funding comes through.

B7-5 – Opposed to a rent increase.

D10 – Opposed to a rent increase; has numerous maintenance issues in their unit.

K. Haddad requested any resident who has maintenance issues in their unit to please complete a work order for tracking.

B3-1 – Asked if the rent increase will be annually? Feels that the rent is fair and equitable for the unit.

B3-3 – Opposes rent increase – because she is a caregiver and has no income.

B7-3 – New resident – has some maintenance issues in her unit – K. Haddad to follow up with Work Orders.

P21 – Opposes rent increase – this resident has health issues; complained about the community room – appliances do not work; room is always cold and unable to be used; complained about maintenance items – K. Haddad requested the resident complete work orders for maintenance items. Also, complained about the snow removal contractor and the exterior site lighting that is not operational.

K. Haddad asked if any other residents wanted to speak; with no other comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Spaulding
Marion Spaulding, Chair

