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Draft Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2019
Public Safety Complex, Second Floor Conference Room
49½ Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

1. **Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum.** Chair Fred Hanss called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. **A quorum was WAS NOT established.**

Members Present: Fred Hanss; Mike McQuade, Jim O'Neill; John Tenbusch;

Members Absent: Annette Bowman; Diana Dufresne; Lashawanda Ingram; Andrea Montgomery; Amy Simmons. Courtney Toms.

Note: There was an issue with the teleconference set-up; therefore, no one was able to call into the meeting.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** *Without a quorum, an agenda could not be adopted.*
3. **Approval of February 28 and June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.** *Without a quorum, Minutes of the last two meetings could not be approved.*
4. **Reports.** None
5. **Old Business.**
 - a. Membership issues
There are vacancies on the FHTF for the following membership categories:
 - a. Religious Organization;
 - b. Mortgage lending;
 - c. Non-profit housing organization.
 - Names had been suggested to fill two vacant seats on the FHTF; these included:
 - o For the **Religious Organization** seat: Father Mark Riley, Massena; John Morrison, Diocese of Ogdensburg; Social Justice Coordinator at Canton Universalist-Unitarian Church.

- For the *Mortgage Lending* seat: Sheri Norman, NCSB – Massena; Rob Liggio, NCSB, Canton.
- Tenbusch reported that he spoke with Fr. Riley, who declined. He also left several messages for Rob Liggio, who has not called back.
- After some discussion, it was decided that Tenbusch will contact the Social Justice Coordinator at the Canton U-U Church, and will try Liggio again.
- Tenbusch reported that William Jones, from SUNY Canton, has resigned from the FHTF, as he is retiring from SUNY Canton. Jones has had an alternate, Lashawanda Ingram; she has expressed an interest in continuing in Jones' place.

6. New Business:

- a. Ideas for Future Projects/Workshops
 - Mike McQuade reported that there are new laws that govern the eviction process
 - Fred Hanss also reported that he heard about new landlord/tenant regulations when he attended the Rural Housing Coalition Conference.
 - *It was agreed that the FHTF should develop/schedule several workshops regarding these new laws and regulations.*

7. Announcements: None.

8. Next Meeting Date.

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 9:00 am
2nd floor conference room
County Public Safety Complex
49½ Court Street in Canton

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



John F.,. Tenbusch
Planner II