# **BILLERICA**

# **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

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TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Robert M. Correnti DECEMBER 28, 2020

RE: JANUARY 2021 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### A. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

1. Smoking: None

2. Overdue Rent: None

3. Other: None

#### B. MONTHLY TENANT MEETINGS:

1. Tenant Meetings canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

#### C. NEW HOUSING FOR BHA INVENTORY:

- 1. Closing remains scheduled for January 29, 2021. However, the situation is fluid and is subject to change,
  - o As of 12/23/2020, there were 6027 on the BHA wait list. Of these, 4599 were for family housing. The balance (1428) consisted of 578 for elderly housing and 850 for non-elderly handicapped housing. This is an increase of over 400 since November 1, 2020

#### D. COVID-19 TESTING:

1. On 12/22/2020, COVID-19 Testing was provided on site at 16 River Street. Of the 168 individuals tested, 54 were BHA residents or staff (20%), the remainder were Town employees. The 54 connected to the BHA were approximately 25% of our resident population. We hired the COA vans to provide rides to residents needing transportation. A total of 7 residents (5 from 13 River and 2 from the Talbot) were provided transportation. All 54 BHA individuals tested were reported as negative.

## E. BILLERICA/TEWKSBURY ANIMAL CONTROL DONATION:

1. In mid December, through the efforts of RSC Katie Houle and residents Steve Strykowski and Deb Meehan, donations were collected for the Billerica Tewksbury Animal Control. Animal Control Officers were on site to receive the donated items and recognition was posted on the Animal Control Facebook page.

## F. FY2022 BUDGET:

1. The BHA FY2022 Budget has been approved by DHCD. The Annual Plan Public Hearing is scheduled for March  $4^{\rm th}$ , 2021 (included within the Board's March  $4^{\rm th}$  Meeting). Public Notice has been posted on the BHA website.