

**EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

Members of the Board of Commissioners are as follows:

**Dennis Sheedy – Chairman
Thomas Thibeault – Vice Chairman (Governor’s Appointee)
Pamela Widdop – Treasurer
Krisanne Sheedy – Assistant Treasurer
John Sharpe – Resident Commissioner**

Four of the Commissioners are elected by the Town’s people and one member is appointed by the State’s Governor. All board members will be up for re-election in 2018.

The Easton Housing Authority is an agency that provides safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate income families. The Housing Authority operates under guidelines set out by their regulatory agencies, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Housing Authority’s offices are located at Parker Terrace and are open to the public from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday; telephone number: (508) 238-4747, Fax: (508) 230-9694, TDD: (508) 230-9695, Email: housingauthority@eastonhousing.com

The Easton Housing Authority consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners, an Executive Director and six staff members.

The Board of Commissioners typically meet at 5:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month at Parker Terrace, however there are occasions when the Meeting would be held on another day. Please be sure to check the posting at Town Hall.

The office staff consists of: Dawn Doyle, Housing Administrator Manager and Jane Desberg, Housing Coordinator.

The Maintenance staff consists of three full-time maintenance workers, Daniel Andrews Maintenance Supervisor, Joseph Leite and Derek House.

Elderly/handicapped Housing:

The Easton Housing Authority manages 184 units of elderly/handicapped housing located at Elise Circle & Parker Terrace.

Family Housing:

There are 10 family housing units: 7 – three-bedroom homes located at Chandler Way, a two-bedroom home located at 26 Poquanticut Avenue, a four-bedroom home located at 50 Day Street and a three-bedroom home located at 28 Barrows Street.

The Authority’s State Public Housing (elderly/handicapped & family housing) waiting lists are currently open and the income limits are as follows:

Number in Household	Income Limit
1	\$46,000
2	\$52,600
3	\$59,150
4	\$65,700
5	\$71,000
6	\$76,250

7 \$81,500
8 \$86,750

Applications for State-aided Public Housing can be obtained on line at:

<http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/publichousingapplications/standapp.doc>

Eastonhousingauthority.net

Applications are also available at the office of the Authority at Parker Terrace. Residents of the Town of Easton receive a preference on the Housing Authority's Public Housing waiting lists. All veterans receive a preference on the waitlist.

Section 8 Housing:

HUD provides Federal funds to support the existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Easton Housing Authority presently has 101 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers under lease and administers mobility Housing Choice Vouchers from other Housing Authorities whose voucher holders lease up in the area.

Other Information:

DHCD allowed a 10% budget increase in the allowable non-utility expense level within their FY 2019 budget guidelines for the Housing Authority's fiscal that began on April 1, 2018.

The Department of Housing & Community Development had approved the Easton Housing Authority's capital improvement plan.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace continues to be the site for Old Colony Elderly Services congregate lunch program, serving hot lunches Monday through Friday for Senior Citizens, and hosts their Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, the Authority donates the use of both the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle for the use of the Council on Aging's senior center programs.

The Housing Authority had completed or are currently working on the following projects within 2017/2018:

1. Conducting installation of handicapped ramps for the Elise Circle development.
2. Conducting installation of new roofs at Parker Terrace & resided building #1
3. Update maintenance garage and salt shed at Parker Terrace
4. Installing security camera's at Chandler Way
5. Completed street light pole rewiring at Parker Terrace
6. Rise Energy audit provided all new unit and common area energy saving lighting and aerators
7. Entered into a Net Metering contract to purchase electricity credits
8. Renovation study for 26 Poquanticut Avenue

The Housing Authority received the following grants:

✓ **Other Grants received**

\$9,999.00 from DHCD HILAPP Grant for the renovation study at 26 Poquanticut Avenue

\$165,000.00 High Leverage Asset Preservation Program for 26 Poquanticut Avenue

\$180,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust for 26 Poquanticut Avenue

\$243,000 (approximately) for the design & construction of handicapped ramps at Elise Circle. This project will also commence in the spring of 2018.

The Housing Authority is extremely grateful for the \$180,000.00 grant from the Town's Affordable Housing Trust to help with the renovations of Poquanticut Avenue.

Respectfully submitted: Kathleen Steiger, Executive Director