



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Charles D. Baker, Governor ◆ Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor ◆ Jennifer D. Maddox, Undersecretary

September 13, 2021

Thomas Thibeault
Executive Director
Abington Housing Authority
71 Shaw Ave Ste 2
Abington, MA 02351

Re: Grant of Waiver from Requirement that Town Appoint a Tenant Board Member (Waiver 2: No Person Eligible and Willing to Serve as Tenant Board Member)

Dear Executive Director,

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5A, this letter serves as a statutory waiver of the requirement contained in M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5 that a Town appoint a Tenant Board Member to the Town's Local Housing Authority ("LHA").

Upon review of the materials provided with the LHA's waiver request of 08/06/2021, the Department is satisfied that, despite the LHA providing tenants/rental assistance participants with the required notices, there is no person eligible and willing to serve as the Town Appointed Tenant Board Member. As such, the Department is granting a statutory waiver from the requirements of M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5 that the Town appoint a Tenant Board Member to the LHA's Board. The Town may appoint someone other than a person who is eligible to be the Town Appointed Tenant Board Member to fill the seat for a one-year period.

This waiver is valid for one year from the date of this letter but may be renewed for one-year periods so long as there remains no person eligible and willing to serve as the Town Appoint Tenant Board Member.

The LHA must post this waiver on its website and in its common areas. The LHA must notify its Local Tenant Organization(s), if any, of the grant of this waiver.

If you have any questions regarding this waiver, please contact your Housing Management Specialist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stone".

Benjamin Stone,
Director,
Division of Public Housing

cc. Leanne Adams, Town Clerk
Ellen Delany LHA Board Chair