

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Meeting

Members Present: S. Bender, J. Ciarleglio, S. Davidson, A. Klee, V. Livesay, J. Rascati, M. Sabshin

M.E. LaRocca, Director of Human Services
J. Glicksman, Senior Center Director
N. Pfund, Youth Services Director
K. Cusick, Representative from the Board of Finance

Absent: C. Lovejoy, E. Sheehy, B. Heller

I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by S. Bender.

II. Approval of Minutes

J. Rascati made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting. M. L. Sabshin seconded. All approved.

III. Public Comments

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. Human Services Report

See report on file at Human Services Department. M.E. LaRocca presented the August 2016 Human Services report.

- Fuel Assistance Intake will begin September 26th.
- Senior Center Office- Building a wall in the lounge and adding a 3 by 3 foot window for safety reasons.
- Senior Center Restroom – Looking for plans that were designed for the restroom. If they are not located, the Town will have to hire someone to develop plans and then send a RFP out to bid on the project.
- Senior Center Strategic Plan – On September 12th, Commission members and two staff members took a field trip to the Westbrook Senior Center and met there at 1:15P.M. to get ideas for improving the programs in Woodbridge. The group left the Westbrook Senior Center at 2:45P.M. The Commission discussed the Senior Center in terms of revitalization of the facility: wall color, lighting, flooring,

addition of a ramp and other improvements needed. M.E. LaRocca indicated that the plan is to visit other centers as well. The group discussed the need to discuss our strategic plan in future meetings and will brainstorm ideas at the next Commission meeting.

- Emergency Shelter Review- M.E. LaRocca would like to set up a training session with the Fire Department. The Commission discussed moving the shelter to the Amity High School/Beecher Road School and having the duties for running the Emergency Shelter shared among fire, police and human services. The possibility of creating a C.E.R.T. team was also raised. K. Cusick recommended that M.E. LaRocca call CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities).
- Clifford Beers Clinic Counseling - N. Pfund and M.E. LaRocca have been having conversations with Clifford Beers. Their representatives have indicated they would like to meet to discuss whether a counselor would continue to have an office in Woodbridge. Recommendation was made to contact Town Counsel. Then request a meeting with Clifford Beers, Executive Director, Woodbridge Board Members from Clifford Beers, J. Rascati, N. Pfund and M.E. LaRocca.

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the Human Services Report. S. Davidson seconded. All approved.

V. Senior Center Report

See report on file at Human Services Department. J. Glicksman presented the August 2016 Senior Center report.

Idea to rename garden in memory of John Guerrieri – The Committee agreed to table the suggestion until the strategic plan is decided. It will be incorporated into the future plan.

Pickleball –Demonstration for adults 50+ is scheduled for September 27th at 6:00pm.

Art Class and iPad class - The iPad instructor withdrew as teacher. Six high school upperclassmen have volunteered to teach the class as a community service.

Antique Roads Show project is being planned in collaboration with staff from the Town library.

Coachman Square Collaboration

Medicare 101- October 19th at 6:00pm -7:30pm.

Community Center Re-branding

23rd Annual Harvest and Holly Fair, Saturday, November 5th

Ads/Donations

Bakers needed for holiday fair

Volunteers needed in Woodbridge – To assist with senior center luncheons, holiday fair, friendly visitor and telephone reassurance program, and to teach a class.

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the Senior Center Report. A. Klee seconded. All approved.

VI. Youth Services Report

See report on file at Human Services Department. N. Pfund presented the August 2016 Youth Services Report.
Grant Reports – Due this week
Job Readiness Program
YEP 7th Grade Picnic Update
YEP Back to School Bash, September 16th

S. Bender made a motion to accept the Youth Services Report. V. Livesay seconded. All approved.

VII. Old Business

No old business to report.

VIII. New Business

Annual Recreation Department Road Race – Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 8:00am. J. Ciarleglio and M.E. LaRocca will volunteer at the Road Race.
Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00pm.

J. Rascati made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:

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Accepted and approved this ____ Day of _____, 2016