

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Meeting

Members Present: S. Bender, J. Ciarleglio, S. Davidson, V. Livesay, C. Lovejoy, J. Rascati, M.L. Sabshin, E. Sheehy

M.E. LaRocca, Director of Human Services
J. Glicksman, Senior Center Director
N. Pfund, Youth Services Director

Absent: A. Klee, B. Heller (Liaison BOS), K. Cusick (Rep. BOF),

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m. by S. Bender, Chair.

I. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

No February 2017 meeting.

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting as amended. S. Davidson seconded. C. Lovejoy, E. Sheehy, M.L. Sabshin and J. Rascati abstained as they were not present at the January meeting. The remaining members approved.

III. Human Services FY17-18 Capital Outlay and Operating Budget

M.E. LaRocca gave an update on the budget. The State Budget is still undetermined, and how it will impact the Town is unknown. The Board of Selectmen recommended not approving an increase in the salary for the Administrative Assistant. The Board of Finance will be meeting to make their recommendations on March 7th. The Preliminary Budget hearing is scheduled for April 17th and the Annual Town Meeting is on May 15th.

IV. Senior Center

J. Glicksman presented the February monthly report.

- **Center Programming:** This week, the Senior Center will start a CDC/Griffin Hospital program on Diabetes Prevention (meets once a week for 16 weeks). Eleven individuals have registered to date. Inter-generational program is scheduled for tomorrow (March 7th) with students from Beecher. Next week, the Center will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The Antiques Road Show event is scheduled for March 22nd. Pickleball is also ongoing and gaining in popularity.
- **Renaming of Senior Center:** Some options that were considered: Adult Community Center; Woodbridge Club House, The Community Center, The Meeting House.

Members were asked to look at online articles for possible renaming ideas. The Commission agreed to continue this discussion at future meetings.

- 40th Anniversary Celebration: The Organizing Committee is meeting tomorrow for the second time. The anniversary celebration is scheduled for May 24th at 5:30pm in the Senior Center. It will be a self-catered event.
- Podium: The Commission discussed possible options for a new podium with a seal, which ranged from commissioning high school students to construct one in class to purchasing one online.

J. Rascati made a motion to accept the February 2017 Senior Center Report, as orally presented by J. Glicksman. M.L. Sabshin seconded. All approved.

V. Youth Services

N. Pfund presented the Youth Services February 2017 monthly report which is on file in the Human Services office.

- First Selectman's Youth Award: \$100 was received from People's Bank for the award recipient. The recipient will be selected by the Youth Advisory Board on March 16th.
- Job Readiness Program: A brief workshop is scheduled for students on March 17th.
- After-School Guided Study Program: Program will be completed this week at BRS.
- Youth Evening Program: A Hip-Hop after-school dance party scheduled for March 3rd was cancelled due to low enrollment. A Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 9th. Youth Services is planning the Semi-formal dance on April 21st in the Center Cafeteria.
- Absenteeism/School Anxiety – On February 23rd, 45 parents attended a Youth Services sponsored presentation at ARHS presented by Dr. Scott Hannan. The topic of discussion was anxiety and school absenteeism.

M.L. Sabshin made a motion to accept the February 2017 Youth Services Report. C. Lovejoy seconded. All approved.

VI. Human Services

M.E. LaRocca presented the February 2017 monthly report which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Administrative Assistant Position: 56 resumes have been received; 8 candidates were interviewed. A candidate will soon be selected and the Commission will be advised via email. J. Rascati made the following motion: After the resumé of the selected candidate is received by the commission and provided no objections are received by M.E. LaRocca within 24 hours, the Commission agrees to support the candidate selected by the hiring committee. C. Lovejoy seconded. All approved.
- Senior Center Strategic Plan: Members visited the Monroe Senior Center earlier this month and will be visiting the Shelton Senior Center within the next few weeks.
- Senior Center Restroom: Town is still interested in pursuing the restroom renovation.

- Clifford Beers Clinic's Proposal: N. Pfund and M.E. LaRocca met with representatives from Amity Middle School-Bethany campus and ARHS to review the Clifford Beers' proposal. Those findings were then reviewed with J. Rascati and A. Klee. E. Sheehy made a motion to discontinue funding Clifford Beers for the provision of mental health services. V. Livesay seconded. All approved. Other mental health services provider alternatives will be pursued.
- Emergency Shelter: Human Services Department is still working on a plan to determine who will staff the shelter. M.E. LaRocca is trying to schedule a meeting with the First Selectman and other town representatives.

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the February 2017 Human Services Report. S. Davidson seconded. All approved.

VII. Old Business / New Business

The Woodbridge Rotary Club is hosting a Wine Tasting on April 20, 2017 at 6:30-9:30pm at Oak Lane Country Club.

The American Heart Walk is scheduled May 6th at 10:00am at Savin Rock, West Haven, CT. Members were invited to attend.

J. Rascati made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33p.m. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:


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Accepted and approved this 3rd day of April, 2017.