

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the November 3, 2008 Meeting

COMMISSION MEMBERS: L. Arpaia, M.L. Barker, J. Ciarleglio, N. Padowicz D. Rock,
K. Workman

M.E. LaRocca, Director of Human Services
L. Canning, Senior Center Director
S. Stein, Representative from the Board of Selectman

Excused: S. Bender, L. Grotheer, J. Percy, J. Rascati, M.L. Sabshin

L. Arpaia, Chairperson, called the November 3, 2008 meeting of the Woodbridge Human Services Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments

None

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M.L. Barker made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting. K. Workman seconded. All approved.

Youth Services Report

M.L. LaRocca reported:

Motivational Productions: A new multi-media production from Motivation Productions, "Fearless" will be presented to the entire Bethany Middle School population on November 14th. Youth Services is sponsoring the program.

SADD: The Bethany Middle School Group had its first meeting and is deciding which project to take on this year. Each student will bring an interested friend to the next meeting in November. The SADD group from Amity High School has indicated that they are very interested in meeting with the middle school group in Bethany.

Youth Evening Program: 200 seventh and eighth graders participated in a very successful Youth Evening Program held on October 17th in the Bethany Town Hall Gymnasium. Pedestal joust and a D.J. were the featured events.

J. Ciarleglio made a motion for the Commission to send a gift to J. Percy while she is recuperation. D. Rock seconded. All approved.

K. Workman made a motion to accept the Youth Services Report. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved

Human Services Report

M.L. LaRocca reported:

Town Fuel/Food Fund (maximum benefit for oil is 150 gallons). 30 applications were taken for the Fuel Assistance Program sponsored by TEAM Inc. (compared to 17 last October). Six households received assistance from the Town Fuel Fund. The balance in the Town Fuel/Food Fund is \$4,309.00

The Woodbridge Recreation Department donated \$3,000.

\$1,000 was given to the Food Fund and \$1,000 was given to the Fuel Fund both by Senator Joe Crisco.

A suggestion was made to send a letter the first week in December to town residents asking for a donation to the fuel fund.

K. Workman made a motion to authorize sending an appeal letter for a fundraiser for the Town Fuel Fund.

N. Padowicz seconded. All approved.

Holiday Baskets: Holiday Baskets will be given out on Thursday, December 18th.

Senior Center office furniture was ordered and delivered. The furniture adds a special professional touch the office.

Warm Hearts Warm Homes Fundraiser kicked off a campaign seeking donations for the Town Fuel/Food Fund.

These funds provide Woodbridge residents with emergency assistance with their primary heating source and emergency food. Donations received was \$235 and \$3,000 from the Woodbridge Recreation Department totaling \$3,235.00.

Next meeting is Monday, December 1st at 6:00p.m. Warm Hearts Warm Homes benefit will be Thursday, April 2, 2009 at Coachman's Square.

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the Human Services Report. K. Workman seconded. All approved.

Senior Center Report

L. Canning reported:

Tennis Social Program update: The Tennis Social was held on Sunday, October 19th at Tennis Central in Woodbridge. Seven people showed. All went well.

Flu Clinic: Over 200 people went through the clinic.

Wii Regionals: The tournament was held at the Milford Senior Center with Woodbridge coming in 2nd place out of 7. The energy in the room was high. A good time was had by all.

Holiday Fair: Saturday, November 8th, everything is falling into place.

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon with the Woodbridge Police Department: Approximately 80 people are expected..

M.L. Barker made a motion to accept the Senior Center Report. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved.

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OLD BUSINESS

501C3 Update: The Commission is in agreement to table 501C3 for another year.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by M. L. Sabshin and seconded by D. Rock to recommend to the Board of Selectmen J. Altman as Woodbridge Representative on TEAM, Inc. Board of Directors.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved.

Submitted by: _____
Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this _____ Day of _____, 2008