

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the February 6, 2023 Meeting

Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Can be viewed: <https://youtu.be/mjZpJzmOm88>

Members Present: S. Davidson, Commission Chair, J. Clarke-Lofters, V. Livesay, A. Holzman, L.F. Miller, A. Sanchez (7:06 pm)

Staff present: J. Glicksman, Human Services Director, K. Moriarty, Woodbridge Center Director

Absent: B. P Madden, J. Ciarleglio, C. Austin, N. Pfund, Youth Services Director

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by S. Davidson, Commission Chair.

I. Public Comment

Although publicly noticed, no members of the public were in attendance.

II. Additions to the Agenda – There were no additions to the agenda.

III. Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Meeting

L.F. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting with one correction noted by S. Davidson. A. Holzman seconded. The minutes were approved by roll call vote: 4-0-2 (V. Livesay & A. Sanchez abstained.)

IV. FY23 Operating Budget update

- S. Davidson and J. Glicksman presented the Operating Budget to the Boards of Finance and Selectman on January 24. The department's total request was roughly a 1% increase over last year which equates to approximately \$6,000.00. The Preliminary Budget Hearing, where residents may ask questions and give input, is scheduled for Monday, April 24 at 7:30 pm at Amity High School. The Commission members were encouraged to attend.

V. The Woodbridge Center

K. Moriarty presented the January 2023 Woodbridge Center report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- **January Special Programming**

- Introduction to Mindfulness – A four-week session that began on January 10 had 12 participants.
- Sock Snowman Craft – Took place on January 19th and was sponsored by Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.
- Two Lunch & Learn events: Decluttering and Organization Workshop (January 11) and New Year, New Joints (January 25) were well attended.

- In January, The Center collaborated with Youth Services to donate over 150 knitted and crocheted items, made by the craft group, to the Wallingford Emergency Shelter (part of Columbus House).
- **Upcoming Programs**
 - Free aerobic classes – will be offered every Tuesday throughout the month of February to support National Heart Awareness Month.
 - Lunch & Learn: Problem at the Pump – Scheduled for February 24, 2023. Cardiology PA Becket Greten-Harrison will give a presentation on how atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure compromise the heart’s ability to pump and what can be done to help.
 - Soup-er Sweet Masquerade Drive Thru Luncheon – Scheduled for February 9, 2023 to celebrate the Super Bowl, Valentine’s Day, and Mardi-Gras. This event is being sponsored by Coachman Square at Woodbridge, Opal Stork Home Care, and Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.
 - Valentine’s Day Card Craft – will be offered by Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center on February 14, 2023.
- **Funding**
 - Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance: The Center received part one of the funding for this program in the amount of \$4,320.00.
 - Southern CT Gas/United Illuminating approved a funding request in the amount of \$300.00 to co-sponsor the March St. Patrick’s Day Drive-Thru. They will distribute information on available resources at the drive-thru and will provide a follow-up Lunch & Learn in April to discuss ways to save money on energy bills.
- **Other Items**
 - Van Lift – The wheelchair lift in Van 167 was repaired and is now operating smoothly.
 - “New” Car 41 – Car 41 has officially been added to The Center’s fleet for the transportation program. The vehicle’s rear defrost was repaired by the Town’s mechanic.
 - Increased attendance – The following programs saw an increase in participation during the month of January: Bridge, transportation, craft group, pickleball, lectures, and meal deliveries.
 - AV Installation – The Center staff has been working with the AV company, the grant provider, Silver Petrucelli, and Olympus to have all the necessary pre-wire completed prior to the ceiling installation.

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the January 2023 Woodbridge Center report. L.F. Miller seconded. All members approved by roll call vote.

VI. Youth Services

J. Glicksman presented the January 2023 Youth Services report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- **Programming**
 - Vaping, Edibles and Fentanyl Abuse Prevention – Hosted by the Amity Regional School District, Orange & Woodbridge Youth Services, and BOWDAAC on January 25, 2023, Lorrie McFarland and Tricia Dahl gave a virtual presentation to 118 parents.
 - Winter Paint Party – This event took place on February 1, 2023. Picasso Parties provided the instruction and supplies for a \$15 fee. There were thirteen students in attendance. Picasso parties was well received.
 - Sixth Grade Meet and Greet – Sixth graders from Woodbridge and Bethany are invited to attend a party at Amity Middle School in Bethany on Mar. 17, 2023 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 - First Selectman’s Youth Award – Nominations are requested for resident youth who fulfill the requirements. Nomination forms are available on the Town’s website and are due by April 3, 2023.

- **Grant Reporting**
 - Grant Reporting Criteria – DCF has been working on creating ways to collect Youth Services’ data. They hired Dillinger RAD to survey and find better methods of reporting. They are meeting with Youth Service bureaus to determine what is best for each individual bureau since there are so many differences. They offer Woodbridge a way to report on Google Docs which seems reasonable, but a contract should be approved to release information for them to collect on Woodbridge’s behalf. DCF’s lawyers have approved the system, however, our town counsel will review and make a recommendation. All new reporting will begin on July 1, 2023.

A. Sanchez made a motion to accept the January 2023 report. J. Clarke-Lofters seconded. All members approved by roll call vote.

VII. Human Services

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- Senior Center Renovation – The renovation is progressing nicely and is heading for a potential late Spring opening. Duct work for the ventilation system is currently being installed and sheetrock and taping are mostly completed. Electrical rough-in has started and The Center is awaiting samples of wainscotting. The Senior Center Renovation Committee continues to meet with Silver Petrucelli + Associations (SP+A) every other week.

- Center Building Renovation Committee – In January, the building committee recommended the A/E firm of Silver Petrucelli to the Board of Selectmen. D. Rowland, Committee Chair, requested that the Town enter into an agreement with SP+A to provide A/E services for the Center Building Gym Renovation Project. D. Rowland requested funding in the amount of \$27,250.00 for all 5 phases of the work. The project has funding in place from a \$500,000.00 STEAP Grant. The Committee accepted the updated fee proposal from SP+A in the amount of \$55,000.00 for Phase I (design concept). This proposal is still awaiting approval from the Board of Selectmen.

- Programs/Training
 - VITA tax program – Program starts tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with both in-person and virtual tax assistance. Most of the February in-person appointments have been filled.
 - CPR/AED/First Aid Training – First time training for three new employees will take place in early March 2023. The rest of the staff is due to be recertified in May as their certification will expire in early June.

A. Holzman made a motion to accept the January 2023 report. V. Livesay seconded. All approved by roll call vote.

VIII. Old Business/New Business

- Next Meeting – March 6, 2023

IX. Adjournment

J. Clarke-Lofters made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. A. Holzman seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:

Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this 6th Day of March, 2023.