

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the March 1, 2021

Conducted via Zoom:

Members Present via Zoom Platform: S. Davidson, Commission Chair, M.L. Sabshin (joined at 7:37), J. Labieniec, A. Holzman, B.P. Madden, N. L. Atwood, J. Ciarleglio

Liaisons: E. Scalettar, BOF Liaison, D. Rowland, BOS Liaison

Staff present: J. Glicksman, Human Services Director, N. Pfund, Youth Services Director, and K. Moriarty, Woodbridge Center Director

Absent: J. Clarke-Lofters, V. Livesay

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m. by S. Davidson, Chair. It was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

I. Public Comment

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

II. Additions to the Agenda – No additions were made.

III. Liaison Reports

- Board of Finance – E. Scalettar reported that the Board of Finance will meet on Thursday, but the Board of Selectmen has made no adjustment to the Human Services budget.
- Board of Selectmen – D. Rowland reported that the Board of Selectmen have been involved with the planning and zoning for 2 Orchard Road and also with the plans for the cell tower. There will be testing this Saturday to determine the size of the tower needed.

IV. Minutes of the February 1, 2021 Meeting

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting. A. Holzman seconded. All approved. N. L. Atwood abstained.

V. Human Services

J. Glicksman presented the February 2021 Human Services report which will be on file in the Human Services office.

- COVID update – Human Services performed extensive outreach to the older residents to offer vaccine appointments through QVHD. Outreach to residents of the younger

age group will be reduced as most will make their own appointments. 400 appointments have been entered. Staff offers links and phone numbers to residents to access the vaccines. E. Scalettar commended Human Services as Woodbridge is being recognized as third in our state for number of vaccinated residents.

- VITA program – 100 referrals have been received to date. The drive-up for sharing documents is working well. Administrative Assistant E. McDonald has had heavy workload as non-residents also use this service.
- Clerical Program Assistant/driver update – The clerical program assistant job opening was posted, and interviews are in process. It is hopeful that a recommendation will be made at the next meeting.
- Driver Position-a new driver is in the hiring process, and a special meeting may be called to approve him as staff is so limited.
- Budget/Referendum update – The Human Services budget passed the first round. The \$15,000 Capital Budget request for chairs was approved. The Board of Finance will meet on 3/4/21, and the preliminary budget hearing is scheduled for 4/19/21. Plans for the referendum for four projects passed the Board of Selectmen. D. Rowland noted that after the Bond Council approves the plan for the referendum, the Board of Selectmen will vote on 3/10/21. It will then move to the Board of Finance. The completion of the Senior Center project is part of the referendum.

A. Holzman made a motion to accept the February 2021 Human Services report.

J. Labieniec seconded. All approved.

VI. Youth Services

N. Pfund presented the February 2021 Youth Services report, which will be on file in the Human Services office.

Programming –

- First Selectman's Youth Award – Nominations are due 4/12/21. One nomination was received to date. People's United Bank will again provide the \$200 check for the winner.
- Team Gratitude Baskets - 24 Baskets were received from students. 10 were delivered to the high school for staff. Students received community service hours for participating.
- Snow Art Competition - 35 photos were received. Prize winners will be determined.
- Anti-Defamation League - workshop has a tentative date of 4/7/21 for "Bystander to Ally" training for Amity Middle School-Bethany. "No Place for Hate" programs will be offered to Amity Middle School.
- After-School Guided Study Program at Beecher Road School will begin soon.
- Chalk Art Challenge - May offer outdoor program at the Center.
- Awareness Week at Amity Middle School-Bethany will include a Celebration of Kites which will be provided by Youth Services. D. Rowland may be able to help sponsor through the local baseball league.
- Job Bank - Outdoor jobs should pick up as weather gets warmer.

B.P. Madden made a motion to accept the February 2021 Youth Services report. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved.

VII. The Woodbridge Center

K. Moriarty presented the February 2021 Woodbridge Center Report which is on file in the Human Services office. The January 2021 report was also submitted and is on file.

Programming –

- Luncheons - Soup-er Holidays drive-thru lunch was a great success. These drive-throughs are appreciated by those who pick up their meals and by clients unable to drive who have the meals delivered to them through the transportation program. This allows the most isolated residents to have a connection. Visiting Angels of Woodbridge will sponsor the St. Patrick’s Day drive-thru luncheon on 3/17/21, and Hamden Health and Rehab will provide treat bags.
- Covid-19 Vaccines-Staff continue to support residents to access vaccines.
- “Get to the Point of Health” lecture series began with “Update on COVID” presented by QVHD. On 3/19/21 Kyle Branday of Amity Physical Therapy will present “Fall-proof Yourself While at Home.”
- Mindfulness with Dr. Jennifer Botwick will be offered in March.
- Grant Awarded - CT Healthy Living Collective along with the CT Department of Aging and Disability Services approved a grant for \$2,880 which will help to fund Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance Zoom program for 26 weeks.

M. L. Sabshin made a motion to accept the January, February 2021 Woodbridge Center report.

N. L. Atwood seconded. All approved.

VIII. Old Business/New Business

No old or new business was reported.

IX. Next meeting – April 5, 2021

B.P. Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:

Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this Day of , 2021.