

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 4, 2021 Meeting

Conducted via Zoom: <https://youtu.be/AwMi8hrdKCE>

Members Present via Zoom Platform: S. Davidson, Commission Chair; V. Livesay; M.L. Sabshin; B.P. Madden; N. L. Atwood; J. Ciarleglio

Liaisons: E. Scalettar, BOF Liaison

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

Absent: J. Clarke-Lofters; J. Labieniec; A. Holzman; D. Rowland, BOS Liaison

Meeting called to order 7:04 p.m. by S. Davidson, Chair.

I. Public Comment

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

- II. Additions to the Agenda** - J. Glicksman mentioned that the terms of five (5) Commission members end in June 2021. If those members want to be reappointed, they should contact their nominating Town Committee.

III. Liaison Reports

- Board of Finance – E. Scalettar reminded the Commission that the Annual Town meeting will be held on May 17 at 7:30 p.m. via Webex. The Amity School Budget referendum is tomorrow, May 5, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Board of Selectman – None.

IV. Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Meeting

M.L. Sabshin made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting. J. Ciarleglio seconded. Nancy Atwood abstained. All other members approved.

- V. Capital and Operating Budget Update** - J. Glicksman reported that the FY2022 budget was approved by the BOF with a reduction of \$3,000 from the “Part-Time - all other” line item. The Preliminary Budget Hearing netted no questions from Human Services. J. Glicksman encouraged all members to attend the May 17th Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. to show support for the budget.

VI. The Woodbridge Center

K. Moriarty presented the April 2021 Woodbridge Center Report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- **New Staff Update:** The recently hired staff, Michael Arcangelo and Jessica Esposito, have adapted well to their new positions with positive feedback from clients.

- **Summer Second Saturdays:** Beginning in May, Human Services, the Town Library and the Recreation Department will host this event series. As part of the series, the Center will host a community tag sale on Saturday, June 12 (rain date June 19) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Programming/Center reopening** – The Center opened on April 15, 2021 for in-person programming.
 - The first program was the Craft group, which met inside in the Center Cafe. The new check-in kiosks, made possible by the CARES Act Grant, were used on April 15. Members were issued laminated ID cards to use for self check-in at the kiosks.
 - Exercise with Laurie and Painting for Pleasure resumed on April 27 and 28, respectively. Both programs met outside.
 - All classes are close to or at capacity.
 - Indoor Pickleball and Targeted Strength Training will begin in-person on May 10.
 - Monthly Drive-Thru Luncheons - The Spring/Earth Day luncheon took place on April 22 and served 80 Woodbridge residents. The next drive-thru will be on May 6 to celebrate Mother’s Day. This meal will be prepared by Elaine Marcuccio and is sponsored by NE Young at Heart, Whitney Rehab and Artis Senior Living.
 - New Zoom Program: T’ai Ji Quan - Moving for Better Balance with Bill Banick began its 24 - week Zoom session on April 26 with nine (9) students.

B.P. Madden made a motion to accept the April 2021 Woodbridge Center report. V. Livesay seconded. All approved.

VII. Youth Services

N. Pfund presented the April 2021 Youth Services report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- **Programming**
 - **Red Cross Babysitter Training:** Twenty-four (24) students received training on April 13 & 14. A second class was opened due to the high demand. Youth Services currently has six (6) students on the waitlist for the summer course.
 - **After School Guided Study program** - Beecher Road School is conducting this program remotely. Seven (7) teachers are meeting with individual students and the program should be completed by next week. This program is funded by the Youth Services Enhancement Grant.
 - **Second Saturdays** - Chalk Art and Games - The Second Saturday series kicks off this Saturday, May 8 with an outdoor family event with free chalk and lawn games at the Town Center. Six (6) families are currently registered. The rain date is next Saturday, May 15, 2021. High School students who assist will earn community service.
 - **Home Alone Classes:** This program (for ages 9-12) is being held on Thursdays, May 6 and May 13, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Center Gym. Officer Vinny Lynch will provide emergency information. The fee to attend is \$15.
 - **Awareness Week @ Amity Middle School-Bethany (AMSB)** - Themes for each day of the week were chosen by members of the student council. They include: Day of Pride; Day of Acknowledgment, Diversity and Anti-Hate; Day of Silence, Day of Kindness/Gratitude, and The Future is So Bright. Thanks to Beth-Wood Baseball League for a donation for kites.
 - **Anti-Defamation League** - “Bystander to Ally” workshops are scheduled for May 25 at AMSB.

- **First Selectman's Youth Award** - Six (6) nominations were received. The Youth Advisory Board is in the process of selecting a winner. A plaque and a \$200 check sponsored by Peoples United Bank will be given to the winner.

M.L. Sabshin made a motion to accept the April 2021 Youth Services report. V. Livesay seconded. All approved.

VIII. Human Services

J. Glicksman presented the April 2021 Human Services report, which is on file in the Human Services Office.

- **First Aid/AED/CPR Training** - Certification classes are being planned for the staff next month. Most of the class will be remote, with some in-person instruction (two classes of 6).
- **CARES ACT update** - The CARES ACT grant application was approved for \$2,500. Human Services (HS) is waiting to hear if it was approved for a Federal appropriation from Rosa DeLauro's office in the amount of \$300,000. HS should be notified in early May.
- **Homebound vaccination program** - HS partnered with Quinnipiack Valley Health (QVHD) and the Woodbridge Police Department to hire a paramedic, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and a public health nurse to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to those who are physically/medically unable to leave their homes. HS also partnered with Bethany to meet the delivery requirements. On May 1, 2021, seven (7) Woodbridge and two (2) Bethany homebound residents were able to access this service. Bethany will pay a portion of the cost to hire medical staff to vaccinate.

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the April 2021 report Human Services report. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved.

IX. Old Business/New Business - None

X. Next meeting – June 7, 2021

B. P. Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. M.L. Sabshin seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:

Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this 7th Day of June, 2021.