

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the June 6, 2022 Meeting

Via Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Can be viewed: <https://youtu.be/KeUmVgQi6oI>

Members Present: S. Davidson, Commission Chair, J. Clarke-Lofters, V. Livesay, A. Holzman, B.P. Madden, J. Ciarleglio, L.F. Miller, C. Austin, A. Sanchez

Liaisons: D. Rowland, BOF Liaison

Staff present: J. Glicksman, Human Services Director (until 7:15pm), N. Pfund, Youth Services Director, K. Moriarty, Woodbridge Center Director

Absent: D. Lober, BOS Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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

There were no additions to the agenda.

III. Liaison Reports

- Board of Selectmen (BOS) – None.
- Board of Finance (BOF) – D. Rowland informed the group that the Amity Board of Education budget referendum will take place on June 14, 2022.

IV. Minutes of the May 9, 2022 Meeting

B. P. Madden made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Special meeting. C. Austin seconded. V. Livesay abstained. Minutes were approved by roll call vote.

V. Human Services

J. Glicksman presented the May 2022 Human Services report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Budget – final update – The budget was approved by the BOS at the May 16, 2022 meeting, as amended by the BOF.
- Senior Center Renovation, ARPA – HVAC update, remediation
ARPA funds were officially approved on May 16, 2022. As a result, approximately \$275,000 will now be available for the HVAC project. J. Glicksman also indicated that

the Center needs to undergo asbestos abatement. The Board of Selectmen will be reviewing bids from three asbestos abatement contractors. BOS will be meeting Wednesday night. Two of the contractors can begin the remediation work in the Fall and one contractor can begin next week. Pre-bid meeting took place last week. The Town received bids from 22 contractors who are interested in performing the Center renovation. These bids are currently under review for a selection of a contractor.

- Volunteer Appreciation Event
This event took place last week. Four Commission members were present. S. Davidson, C. Austin, and B.P. Madden were recognized. It was a lovely event.
- Living Treasure – update
The Living Treasure event will take place on September 29, 2022. The first meeting of the planning committee will be June 23 at 2 p.m. Commission members were asked to put it on their calendars. Volunteers, sponsorships, and donations for this event are appreciated.
- Resident Assistance Fund
Human Services (HS) was experiencing substantial delays in getting residents fuel assistance, especially with Southern CT gas company. HS worked with Tony Genovese to come up with an alternative way to expedite the process. HS can now respond within a day or two.
- Center Building Renovation Committee
J. Glicksman attended the Committee's meeting last week. Dwight Rowland is Chair of this Committee and serves with Andy Esposito, Chief Frank Cappiello and Paul Kuriakose, (BOS). They are working off a 2012 Space Needs Assessment report prepared for the police department. Unfortunately, the 2012 plan did not consider the space needs for Human Services. J. Glicksman and Tony Genovese agree that Human Services needs its own Space Needs Assessment for this project. J. Glicksman requested that a professional service be hired to take on creating a Space Needs Assessment for Human Services.

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the May 2022 report. V. Livesay seconded. All approved by roll call vote.

VI. Youth Services

N. Pfund presented the May 2022 Youth Services report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Programming
 - Food donations from Construction at Amity Middle School Bethany (AMSB) – Youth Services (YS) picked up several boxes and cans of food donated by AMSB families for the Construction projects completed during Awareness Week in April. Student volunteers will help sort and shelve the food.

- After-School Guided Study Program – The program is ongoing at Beecher Road School. YS will offer a pizza party or special snack to students completing the program depending on the Covid-19 situation.
 - Job Bank – A training program is being considered to train students on how to better communicate, and also weed and garden.
 - Yearbook Signing – YS is funding the Ice Cream Social on June 14, 2022.
 - Kickball Tournament – YS is providing popsicles, snacks and water for AMSB students on the last day of school on June 16, 2022.
 - Red Cross Babysitter training – planned for August.
 - Woodbridge Recreation collaboration is being planned for summer camp. YS is looking into getting the Harlem Wizards for the third week of July.
 - 8th Grade Graduation Party – the PTSO at the AMSB is hosting a graduation party on June 19, 2022 with financial support from YS. This semi-formal event will be held at the Racebrook Country Club from 7:00 pm. – 10:00 p.m.
 - End of Year 7th and 8th Grade Party was held on May 13, 2022- 118 students attended an outdoor party. Activities included Big Daddy’s Racetrack, DJ music, cornhole, Twister and chalk art.
 - Plans for 7th Grade Picnic – The picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at AMSB. Rain location is the school gym. There will be a DJ (which YS is currently working on securing), pizza, and the “Hippo Chow Down” inflatable activity.
- First Selectman’s Youth Award
The winner of the 2022 First Selectman’s Youth Award, Ava Shanbrom, received a plaque, citations, and a check for \$200 from People’s Bank on June 1, 2022 as part of the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration.

A. Holzman made a motion to accept the May 2022 report. J. Clarke-Lofters seconded. All approved by roll call vote.

VII. The Woodbridge Center

K. Moriarty presented the May 2022 Woodbridge Center report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Pandemic update – Masks continued to be required for all in-person Senior Center programming.
- Programming
 - Senior Center Social – On May 11, 2022, the Center celebrated Older American Month with an outdoor social. Unfortunately, attendance was low. Gift certificates and BINGO donations will be saved for future use.
 - In-Person Virtual Art Tour Series – On May 11, 2022, the Center and the Town Library co-hosted the last Wadsworth Museum virtual art tour on Impressionist art.

- AAA Driver Improvement Class – Since WiFi has recently been added to the Center Building gym, AAA was able to hold its May 16, 2022 class in that location.
 - Armchair Adventure Series – National Parks of the West – This monthly series, provided by Hamden Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, continued in May with Glacier National Park. The next park in the series will be the Grand Canyon on June 10, 2022.
 - The Center recently received and installed pickleball nets. The players are very appreciative.
 - Tai Ji Quan – Moving for Better Balance class – It is a 24-week program and the first class was today (June 6, 2022). Classes are being taught by local instructor, Bill Bannick. Registration is full at 15 participants.
 - Father’s Day Drive Thru Lunch – The lunch is sponsored by Coachman’s Square and Amity Physical Therapy and will take place on June 16, 2022.
 - Joint Replacement Presentation – This hybrid in-person/Zoom presentation will be offered on June 17, 2022 by Kyle Branday, MSPT, Amity Physical Therapy. The presentation will address how to prepare for knee/hip replacement surgery to shorten recovery time and mitigate complications, and how to get the most of a replacement joint.
 - Lifestyle Change Program – Diabetes & Prevention – This program is offered both in-person and via Zoom. Participants can now join any time with a rolling start date. The program has added six private consultations with a registered dietician.
- Staffing Update
 - Mike Quick, the new transportation driver, is doing very well. Positive feedback from clients has been received.
 - Janet Onofrio is the new meal program volunteer. She has helped a great deal with the meal delivery process.
 - Grant(s)

The Center did not receive the ARPA grant it applied for in January through the Agency on Aging of South Central CT. The Agency will be offering a training session in the future providing guidance on what they look for when awarding funds.
 - Transportation Pilot Program – Social visits (May through August 2022)

No clients have yet been transported under this program. There are two scheduled social rides for the month of June.

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the May 2022 Woodbridge Center report. B.P. Madden seconded. All approved by roll call vote.

VIII. Old Business/New Business

- **Next Meeting – August 1, 2022 (no meeting in July)**

B.P. Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved by roll call vote.

Submitted by:

Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this 1st Day of August, 2022.