

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Special Meeting

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

Members Present: S. Davidson, Commission Chair, J. Clarke-Lofters, V. Livesay, A. Holzman, J. Ciarleglio, C. Austin

Staff present: N. Pfund, Youth Services Director, K. Moriarty, Woodbridge Center Director

Absent: Commission members: L. Faith Miller, J. Labieniec, B.P. Madden
J. Glicksman, Human Services Director
D. Lober, BOS Liaison
D. Rowland, BOF 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. Liaison Reports

- Board of Selectmen – None
- Board of Finance – None

III. Minutes of the August 2, 2021 Meeting

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting. A. Holzman seconded. All approved by roll-call vote.

IV. Youth Services

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

- Grant update - Applications and budgets for YSB and Enhancement Grants have been sent to Department of Children and Families (DCF). Expense reports will be due at the end of September.
- Staffing - Program Coordinator position interviews will begin next week. Per diem staff are needed to replace those who have resigned.
- Programming
 - Job Bank - advertising in the school newsletter for new students will be done. More students who want outdoor work are needed.
 - Community Services - Several students have reached out. More hours will be available November and December due to food collection by Boy Scouts.
 - Babysitter training - 11 students participated in a two-day class held on August 10 & 11, 2021 in the Center Building.

- 7th Grade Picnic - Thanks to an amazing staff and 16 volunteers, the picnic went well. Ninety-two students attended and enjoyed music, pizza and games.
- Home Alone Class - Classes will be held in the Center Gym on Tuesdays, October 12 and 19 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. The fee is \$15. Officer Lynch has agreed to assist at one of the classes.

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the August 2021 report. C. Austin seconded. All approved by roll-call vote.

V. The Woodbridge Center

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

- Senior Center flooding - On the evening of Wednesday, September 1, 2021, the Center experienced a large amount of flooding in the lounge, director's office and cafeteria caused by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Professional flood cleanup is taking place and the insurance adjuster has assessed the damage.
- Programming -
 - Flooding created problems with programming.
 - Painting for Pleasure - The instructor is away until January 2022. The department was looking into hiring a temporary replacement. They are now unable to hold an art class as a result of the flood damage.
 - Lecture Series 2021-2022 - The first lecture of the season scheduled for September 20, 2021, the Street N' Savory cooking demo, had to be cancelled due to the inability to use the cafeteria due to the flood damage. The second lecture will be on October 15 via Zoom with Kyle Branday, Amity Physical Therapy, giving a presentation on back pain.
 - On August 2, 2021 - The Town's indoor mask mandate took effect. Mask usage has been a struggle for exercise members.
 - After the Town moved into the red zone for COVID-19 positivity rate, mahjongg, bridge, and pinochle were suspended.
 - AARP Smart Driver's Course - The course scheduled for October 18, 2021 was cancelled by AARP. Classes will resume in 2022.
 - Drive-thrus continue with accommodations.
 - August 19 – Luau Drive-thru; BINGO game was canceled due to rain. Hamden Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center randomly distributed BINGO prizes to drive-thru attendees.
 - Coachman's Annual Town-wide picnic scheduled for Sept. 9 was canceled due to the increase in the COVID positive cases. Coachman did sponsor a drive-thru lunch on the same day for Center clients and the Woodbridge Police Department.
 - The Craft Group sold their beautiful work at the Summer Second Saturday Maker's Fair on September 11, 2021.
 - Walk to End Alzheimer's - The Center's Team, Motrin in Motion - Woodbridge, plans to take part in two walks to raise funds and awareness of the disease. The first walk took place on September 2nd and the second walk will take place on September 26th. Over \$600 has been raised thus far, including donations from the Drive-thru Luau.

- Staffing – The Kitchen Coordinator position has been re-posted.

A. Holzman made a motion to accept the August 2021 Woodbridge Center reports. C. Austin seconded. All approved by roll-call vote.

VI. Human Services

S. Davidson presented a summary of the Director's September 13, 2021 Commission Meeting report, which is on file in the Human Services office.

- Senior Center flooding/Senior Center Renovation plan - Overnight on September 1, the Town had a large intrusion of water in the Center lounge, director's office and cafeteria. The Town has contacted the insurance company. We are creating a plan to move forward with the renovation plan.
- Flu Clinics will take place on Oct 14 and 21, 2021 with Orange VNA and VNA Healthcare and Hospice of Guilford/Hamden.
- Narcan Training - The two Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD) training classes went very well. Both Human Services and the Town Library were provided with Naloxone kits.
- COVID-19 Boosters - The department has been informed by QVHD that state health departments will be tasked with dispensing COVID-19 booster vaccines. Human Services will again partner with QVHD to offer booster shots.
- Living Treasure update - The event will take place on September 23, 2021 at the Firehouse - The cost to attend is \$40. Winners of the 2021 Living Treasure Award are Andrew Esposito, Jr., Nate Case, and Lorenzina "Lor" Ferrante Fernandes. Congratulations to these three outstanding community members who embody the spirit of volunteerism.

If you would like to honor their contributions to the town by attending the event on Thursday, September 23, 2021, please contact Ellen at the Human Services Department to purchase tickets at 203-389-3429. The silent auction opens at 5:30 p.m., the program begins at 6:00 p.m., and the dinner will be served as a take-away event.

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the August 2021 Human Services reports. J. Ciarleglio seconded. All approved by roll-call vote.

VII. Old Business/New Business - Freedom of Information Workshop is scheduled for tomorrow, September 14 via Zoom. Participation of Commission members is mandatory.

VIII. Next meeting – Monday, October 4, 2021 via Zoom

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. C. Austin seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:

Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this 4th Day of October, 2021.