



Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Meeting

Members Present: A. Klee, J. Clarke-Lofters, M.L. Sabshin,
S. Davidson, V. Livesay, S. Bender, C. Lovejoy (via telephone)

M.E. LaRocca, Director of Human Services
N. Pfund, Youth Services Director
J. Glicksman, Woodbridge Center Director
D. Lober, Representative from the Board of Selectmen

Absent: N. L. Atwood, J. Ciarleglio, T. Kenefick

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by S. Bender.

I. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

II. Approval of the January 7, 2019 Minutes

S. Davidson made motion to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting as amended. J. Clarke-Lofters seconded. All approved.

III. Human Services Operating Budget

- Preliminary Hearing – April 22nd
- Annual Town Meeting – May 2019

IV. Human Services Report

M.E. LaRocca presented the January 2019 Human Services Report, which is on file in the Human Services Office.

- Emergency Shelter – The town experienced its first widespread weekend power outage of the year, with extreme cold temperatures. The emergency shelter, operated by Human Services staff, served 58 residents and gave telephone support to 41 others on the Emergency Call list. The shelter hosted 8 overnight residents on January 20th and 6 overnight guests on January 21st. One resident was referred to Brookdale Assisted Living. While the emergency shelter cannot take pets, residents were informed that Animal Control is able to take care of pets provided they are in crates.
 - Commission members believe that all staff members who worked the emergency shelter should be given overtime.
 - Human Services will look into the possibility of working with the Town of Bethany's CERT Team.
- Clerical Program Assistant Position – Over 400 applicants submitted resumes. Nine individuals will be interviewed this week.
- Senior Center Restroom and Ramp – Restroom renovations are nearly complete. Ramp is on hold due to cold weather. Staff is looking into renovating the foyer area.
- Design of The Woodbridge Center – Staff met with the building official to discuss the air conditioner situation at the Center. It was determined that the price to conduct an evaluation by an architect/mechanical engineer was too costly to undertake at this time.
- Volunteer Tea – This annual event is scheduled for April 11, 2019.

J. Clarke-Lofters made a motion to approve the January 2019 Human Services report. M.L. Sabshin seconded. All approved.

V. The Youth Services Report

N. Pfund presented the January 2019 Youth Services Report, which is on file in the Human Services Office.

- Programming:
 - Kindness Klub – Twenty-three students attended this community service project to benefit the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.
 - Truancy – BRIDGES of Milford will begin the support group at Amity High School for eight students with anxiety and school avoidance issues.
 - Vaping Awareness – Tricia Dahl, Yale researcher, presented to students and faculty on February 4, 2019 at the Amity Middle School Bethany (AMSB).
 - Youth Evening Program – A Have a Heart evening program will be held on February 8th from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at AMSB to provide a social program for middle school students and to raise funds for the American Heart Association.
 - After School Guided Study – Program began at Beecher Road School on January 28, 2019. The CT State Department of Education Enhancement Grant is being used to sponsor the program.

- Awareness Week – Planning for Awareness Week will begin on February 7, 2019.
- First Selectman's Youth Award – Nominations are now being accepted through early March 2019.

A. Klee made a motion to accept The Woodbridge Center report. V. Livesay seconded. All approved.

VI. Woodbridge Center Report

J. Glicksman presented the January 2019 Woodbridge Center Report orally.

- Programming: The January 30th Breakfast at 10 Lecture series on trusts and estate planning was cancelled by the law firm due to an emergency court appearance. The lecture was rescheduled to May 22nd.
- Chinese New Year – Scheduled for February 5, 2019 at 12:15pm. A cultural presentation and dumpling demonstration is planned. Chinese luncheon will be prepared in the café.
- Diabetes Prevention Class starts Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Twelve residents have enrolled.
- Yoga and Tai Chi – New sessions begin in late February.
- Tech with Teens – Learn new skills on iPads, smart phone and e-readers. Classes will be held on February 13 & 26, 2019 at 2:45pm-3:45pm at Town Library. Registration for this free class is required.
- AARP Safe Driving course is being held on March 4, 2019 at 9:00am - 1:00pm in the Center lounge. The fee is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Staff is looking into replacing this class with a free AAA class in the future.
- Scam Prevention lecture –Christine Buck, legal investigator with the CT Attorney General's Office, will present information on how to prevent these crimes on March 5, 2019 at 12:30pm.
- Center Café – The café pilot program (and the café grand opening) has been canceled. Human Services plans to run the café with town employees.

C. Lovejoy made a motion to approve the January 2019 Woodbridge Center oral report. S. Davidson seconded. All approved.

VII. Old Business/New Business

- Wear Red Day (to benefit the American Heart Association) – February 14, 2019
- Next meeting is Monday, March 4, 2019

J. Clarke- Lofters made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. A. Klee seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:


Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this 4th Day of March, 2019.