

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the March 4, 2019 Meeting

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

M.E. LaRocca, Director of Human Services

Absent: J. M.L. Sabshin, J. Ciarleglio, N. Pfund, Youth Services, Director, J. Glicksman, Woodbridge Center Director, D. Lober, Representative from the Board of Selectmen

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by S. Bender

I. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

II. Approval of the February 4, 2019 Minutes

S. Davidson made motion to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting as amended. N. L. Atwood seconded. (C. Lovejoy abstained.) All approved.

III. Human Services Capital and Operating Budgets

- Preliminary Hearing – Monday, April 22, 2019
- Phase I (lounge project) was pushed back to FY 2020-2021 in the Building Maintenance Budget as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

IV. The Woodbridge Center Report

M.E. LaRocca presented the January and February 2019 Woodbridge Center Reports, which are on file in the Human Services Office.

- Programming: Tai Chi – 2 classes with VNA (beginner and intermediate level classes)- 12 sessions for \$15
- St. Patrick's Day luncheon to be held on March 12, 2019 at noon at a cost of \$6/person;
- Grand Opening of American Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessible Restroom – March 5, 2019 at 11:45 a.m.
- Craft Group – This new group will be meeting on Thursdays from 10:00am-1:00pm at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Lower Level Lounge.

V. Livesay made a motion to accept the Woodbridge Center January and February 2019 reports. A. Klee seconded. All approved.

V. Human Services Report

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

- Clerical Program Assistant Candidate: Kristy L. Moriarty, RN was selected as the successful candidate. V. Livesay made a motion to accept the appointment of Kristy L. Moriarty as Clerical Program Assistant. C. Lovejoy seconded. All approved.
- New postings: Driver, Kitchen Supervisor and Assistant (2 days/week)
- Volunteer Tea – April 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Volunteer Tea Award Recipients for 2019:
 - Community Business Award: Amity Gardens, Joyce Printers, Bender
 - Special Recognition: Chris Sorensen, Anthony Anastasio
 - Woodbridge Center Award: Carolyn DeGennaro
 - Outstanding Volunteer: Kristy Moriarty, Jennifer DiBlanda, Sharon Bender
- Emergency Shelter – M.E. LaRocca met with B. Heller, First Selectman Derri Gorski, C. Hurlburt and B. Yagla to investigate if we can regionalize emergency shelter services. Bethany needs to recruit new volunteers and raised the possibility of conducting regional training which will include Woodbridge residents being trained in CERT.
- The Woodbridge Center Ramp Project: Possible construction start date will be in April, weather permitting.

N.L. Atwood made a motion to approve the February 2019 Human Services report. A. Klee seconded. All approved.

VI. Youth Services Report

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

- Programming:
 - Kindness Klub: Next meeting is on March 21, 2019. Students will make a craft to donate to children at the Children's Center in Hamden.
 - Truancy: BRIDGES of Milford has begun the support group at Amity High School for students with anxiety and school avoidance issues.
 - Collaboration with Orange Youth Services: Efforts to collaborate on an 8th grade dance will be delayed until next year. Woodbridge may assist with the cost of the Stephen Hill program on May 13, 2019 in Orange.
 - Urban Air activity for 7th and 8th graders. Town Counsel should be consulted given the high risk nature of this particular activity. The Commission members

recommended exploring other alternatives, such as a visit to Dave and Busters at the Milford mall.

- After School Guided Study: Program continues until the week of March 18th.
- Awareness Week: Planning session was delayed at Amity Middle School. Event will be held in May.
- First Selectman's Youth Award: Nominations are due March 11, 2019. Two nominations have been received to date.

S. Davidson made a motion to accept the Youth Services report. V. Livesay seconded. All approved.

VII. Old Business/New Business

- M.E. LaRocca showed a photo of signage for the Woodbridge Center. The estimated cost is \$1,450.00. S. Davidson made a motion to approve the sign for the Center building at a cost of \$1,450.00. A. Klee seconded. All approved.

A request will be presented to the Board of Selectmen to request permission to install the sign on the Center Building.

- Next meeting is Monday, April 1, 2019

V. Livesay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. N.L. Atwood seconded. All approved.

Submitted by:


Human Services Commission

Accepted and approved this 1st Day of April, 2019.