

Woodbridge Human Services Commission

Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Meeting

Members Present: A. Klee, S. Davidson, S. Bender, C. Lovejoy(via telephone), N.L. Atwood; J. Ciarleglio, M.L. Sabshin, J. Clarke-Lofters(via telephone), J. Glicksman, Woodbridge Center Director, D. Lober, Representative BOS, M.E. LaRocca, Director of Human Services

Absent: N. Pfund, Youth Services; T. Kennefick, Representative BOF; V. Livesay

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by S. Bender.

I. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

II. Approval of the March 4, 2019 Minutes

A. Klee made motion to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting.
S. Davidson seconded. J. Ciarleglio abstained.

III. Human Services Capital and Operating Budgets

- Board of Finance recommended the following Human Services Operating Budget Cuts:
 - Legal Ads - \$500
 - Programs & Publicity - \$500
 - Car Allowance - \$800
- The Board of Finance went along with the Board of Selectmen's recommendation to move the request for monies for the renovation of The Woodbridge Center to FY20-21.
- Create plan for next steps
- We are hopeful to get funding approved for painting – cost ~ \$15,000

IV. Youth Services Report

M.E. LaRocca presented the March 2019 Youth Services Report.

- Programming
 - March 21st, Kindness Klub – 16 youth attended
 - May 13, Stephen Hill motivational speaker in collaboration with Orange.
- We hope to do more events with Orange in the future.

- First Selectman's Youth Award – 4 nominations
 - Winner is Samuel Martin
- April 15 – Home Alone
- April 17 & 18 – Babysitting Class
- Party for 6th Graders – possible date May 10th
- Job Bank – Increase in job requests, recruitment needed for more students

J. Ciarleglio made a motion to accept the Youth Services March 2019 report.
M.L. Sabshin seconded. All approved.

V. The Woodbridge Center Report

J. Glicksman presented the March 2019 Woodbridge Center Report.

- Programming
 - ADA compliant restroom is opened
 - Tai Chi session has started
 - Diabetes Prevention program is underway, 16 week session
 - Intergenerational program with Beecher Road School, 5th & 6th grades
 - Korean Lotus Lantern craft
 - 30 students and 15 seniors
 - Students will join the seniors for lunch after the program
- April 23 – Farewell retirement luncheon for MEL, Mary Ellen Lucek
- Kristy Moriarty starts at The Center on April 8th
- April 25 – Health Fair with New England Young at Heart
- Living Treasure Award Fundraiser
 - First meeting – May 9th, 9 am
 - Living Treasure Award Dinner to be held October 2nd, 2019
- One of A Kind Foundation Proposal
 - \$5000 grant approval received toward the purchase of new carpet tiles in the Center Lounge
 - A. Klee made a motion to use additional fundraising dollars to assist with the purchase of the carpet tiles for the Center Lounge. S. Davidson seconded. All approved.

J. Clarke-Lofters made a motion to accept The Woodbridge Center March 2019 report.
N. Li-Atwood seconded. All approved.

VI. Human Services Report

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

- Job Openings
 - Driver, Kitchen Supervisor, Kitchen Assistant
- Volunteer Tea – April 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
 - S. Bender to be recognized as Outstanding Volunteer
- Red Cross Simulation Exercise – May 15th
- First Aid/CPR/AED Training - April 22nd
- The Woodbridge Center Ramp Project
 - Part of wall has been removed
 - Olympus Construction will start work on ADA ramp this month
- 5310 Grant
 - If grant awarded, may get a new vehicle in the Fall, 2019

A. Klee made a motion to approve the March 2019 Human Services report. All approved.

VII. Old Business/New Business

- Next meeting is Monday, May 13, 2019

C. Lovejoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. All approved.

Submitted by:


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Accepted and approved this 13th Day of May, 2019.