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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Monday, May 9, 2016

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sue Stack, Chairman at 6:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Sue Stack, Hocine Baouche, Richard Petrucci, Yale Cantor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOVED (R.PETRUCCI), SECONDED (Y. CANTOR) AND PASSED BY THOSE PRESENT TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2016 MEETING.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Energy Program has been extended to Tuesday, May 31 for all utility heated households. A shut-off notice is not necessary to apply for the program. Deliverable fuel households are not included in this extension period.

The Board of Selectmen approved the draft version of the senior center facility use policy and it is now sent to the Town attorney for review.

The upcoming Hoarding Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 25 at Central State University in New Britain. This all day conference will focus on hoarding, treatment, and prevention. This is the conference's second year and it is well attended by human services personnel and code enforcement officials throughout the state.

Youth Services – As another school year comes to a close, we are re-evaluating staffing and program needs. The human services and youth services directors will be meeting with Human Resources to develop a job description for the Rise Above Coordinator.

Youth Services and the Town have been asked to provide a letter of support for the Enfield Opioid Addiction Task Force to apply for a regional partnership grant for the PFS. This Prevention Framework Strategies Grant sponsored by the State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is a multi-year grant which Ellington YSB has received in the past. The grant is focused on towns within the partnership that have little or no experience with addiction programs and/or drug prevention councils. Tolland has invited our YSB to join them for a round table discussion on alcohol and addiction prevention programs for an upcoming annual event the Tolland High School sponsors.

Senior Center – The hallway railings have been installed. The pavilion has also been erected in the rear of the building. The health department will issue permits for the outdoor cookouts.

The monthly directors staff meeting will be held at the senior center on May 11th. There will be a tour of the building followed by a round table discussion by department heads. Afterwards, lunch will be available at the center.

Elderly Outreach – TRIAD is being held on Thursday, June 2 at the senior center from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. The topic is motorcycle safety. There will be four motorcycles on display. Participants must register in advance for this program. There is an ice cream social that follows.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board of Finance decided not to cut human services and the senior center line items that were proposed. Instead, the BOF cut the line item for the administrative assistant, a \$15,000 plus position along with a small cut from the program account. The town meeting is tomorrow night at the high school.

All DOT Grants have been submitted. We are waiting for the status on each, which should come in June or July.

Election of Officers has been tabled until June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The senior center will hire a new van/bus driver for the summer runs. The individual will be starting next month. The new hire has experience and should be able to hit the road running. We are still working on providing adequate transportation including subs.

The Commission reviewed the senior center policy handbook draft. Changes, additions and deletions were made. The changes will be typed in and the revised draft will be sent to the Town attorney for review.

ADJOURNMENT: MOVED (R. PETRUCCI), SECONDED (H. BAOUCHE) AND PASSED BY ALL THOSE PRESENT TO ADJOURN AT 6.50 P.M.

Submitted by,


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