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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 19, 2018
Recreation/Human Services Complex
Conference Room – 31 Arbor Way
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Stack, Yale Cantor, Teresa Cavanagh, Susanne Hannigan, Deanna Wambolt-Gulick (left at 6:45pm)
OTHERS PRESENT: Joy Hollister; Director of Human Services, Melinda Ferry; Board of Selectman

1. **Call to Order:** Sue Stack called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2018**

MOVED (CAVANAGH) SECONDED (STACK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2018 REGULAR MEETING.

3. Citizens' Forum

Melinda Ferry wanted to discuss the Ellington Ambulance situation regarding an employee being accused of inappropriate contact and sex trafficking charges in the capacity that it affects the Ellington community and youth community. There was discussion as to who communication and/or resources should come from and what the commission felt was appropriate at this time. Through the discussion there was an agreement that there should be a measured, appropriate response with a positive message; however at this time the commission didn't think that communication should come from the Human Services department.

4. Director's Report

Joy Hollister reviewed the Human Services department's current programs. The holiday programs have begun and there has been great generosity from the community. The energy program has been very busy. The director continues Medicare counseling and is working on a few referral situations. She is also preparing for the Vita Training for the new tax season. The Senior Center has been very busy as well with the café and their holiday fair coming up December 1, 2018. They didn't receive the grant for a new bus at this time. They will start having TED (technology, education, and design) Talks. They are also preparing for their holiday dinner on December 13, 2018. The Youth Services Department has been training the schools in suicide prevention in correlation to a two year grant they received. They just completed Spirit Dance and Tumbling, a program designed for children with special needs. Their recess zone and playgroups are going well and they are preparing their winter catalog of classes.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Use of memorial donation

Margaret Cavanaugh has been working on the plans for the Little Free Pantry and is planning to propose the idea to the Board of Selectman in hopes to have the project completed by the spring. Her willingness to take on this project is greatly appreciated.

6. New Business

a. Approval of 2019 Meeting dates

MOTION (CANTOR) SECONDED (HANNIGAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2019 MEETING DATES FOR THE HUMAN SERVICE COMMISSION.

7. Adjournment

MOTION (CANTOR) SECONDED (HANNIGAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 7:18 PM

Next meeting is Monday, December 10, 2018

X KW *Wasielewski*

Kristen Wasielewski