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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, January 14, 2019
Recreation/Human Services Complex
Conference Room – 31 Arbor Way
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Stack, Yale Cantor, Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Jaime Foster, Hocine Baouche
OTHERS PRESENT: Joy Hollister; Director of Human Services, Rebecca Stack, Elderly Outreach/Social Worker (introduction only)

1. **Call to Order:** Sue Stack called the meeting to order at 6:00PM
2. **Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2018**

MOVED (CANTOR) SECONDED (WAMBOLT-GULICK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2018 REGULAR MEETING.

3. **Citizens' Forum:** None

4. **Director's Report:**

J. Hollister updated the commission on the Senior Center. The Senior Center is still looking for a part time van driver. J. Hollister also let them know that S. Baer has been doing TED (technology, entertainment, and design) talks at the Senior Center as well as a Friday yoga class that are growing in popularity. The café is doing well and the health fair is coming up on May 9th.

J. Hollister spoke about Public Works taking over the custodians at the Senior Center (as well as the Library). She explained that this line item will be moved from the Human Services budget to the Public Works budget. The position will be one full time position that works between the two facilities.

J. Hollister updated the commission on the Youth Services programs. Their 2019 winter flyer is out. Their programs have been increasing as well as the counseling service.

J. Hollister reported to the commission that the training has been completed for the VITA program. The new format for the Food Bank will begin this month. The Food Bank will be offering hygiene products instead of meat. The holiday program was successful and received overwhelming support from the community. The Human Services department has seen more than 150 people for Energy Assistance so far this year.

5. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Update on Little Food Pantry/Memorial Donation:**

The Board of Selectman approved the Little Food Pantry. The proposed location is between the Human Services building and the Resident State Troopers building projected for the spring of 2019 for installation. The Human Services Department, the family of Estelle Williamson, and the food bank coordinator will be monitoring the pantry.

6. **New Business**

- a. **New Elderly Outreach/Social Worker:**

Rebecca Stack briefly joined the meeting to introduce herself to the commission members present.

- b. **Budget:**

J. Hollister discussed the changes that will be proposed for the new 2019-2020 budget. She noted again how Public Works will be taking over the custodians. She also stated how she would like to purchase uniforms for the Senior Center drivers, increase the food bank hours, as well as use additional funding for professional development and training.

c. Hunger initiative:

Jaime Foster discussed the hunger initiative as it pertains to Ellington and our community. Through the data collected approximately 12% of Ellington students qualify for free and reduced lunches however only approximately 5% are enrolled in the program. Jaime noted hunger could be a concern for Ellington residents and wanted to be sure the Human Services Commission was prepared to take action to help those in need.

7. Adjournment

MOVED (FOSTER) SECONDED (STACK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AT 6:50 PM

Next meeting is Monday, February 11, 2019

Submitted by:

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