

Minutes of the Social Services Commission Meeting  
June 9, 2016 –Senior Center – 8:30 a.m

Members present:

Rob Michalman, Bob Brooks, Marcia Dufore, Ruth Clark, MaryEllen Tunsky, Faith Roebelen, Sharon Kozaczka

Directors present: Paula Pascoe, Janet Frechette, Leslie Offenbach

Chairman Michalman called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Citizen Comments: None

Minutes of the May 12 meeting: Ms. Dufore moved to approve the minutes of the May 12 meeting as amended by the correct spelling of Janet, and the correct use of DSS. Ms. Clark seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Directors' Reports

**Paula Pascoe, Senior Center Director**, distributed her written report. She noted that the vegetable garden is planted and doing well. Upcoming Senior Center highlights: June 16<sup>th</sup> Memory Workshop, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Elder Abuse Workshop, presented by Dorian Long, and the June 26<sup>th</sup> Free Concert in the Courtyard. Rebecca Stack, will be serving as an intern in the Senior Center. Her internship requires 180 hours. She will be working on program development for the Senior Center.

Mini Bus Highlights –The Municipal Matching Fund Grant was approved for \$32,419 for the next fiscal year. Mini Bus Statistics: May 2016 - 596 passengers traveled 7,183 miles with an average ridership of 27 passengers per day for 22 days of service. The Mini Bus Service was very busy in May.

**Janet Frechette, Executive Director, EEA**, distributed her written report. Operation Fuel: Deliverable fuels – closed. The EAA can continue to accept applications for electric and gas utilities until Friday, June 24. The program will re-open Monday, July 11. Salvation Army: She has ordered 90 Payless Shoe gift cards for the “Return to School Backpack Program” in August. JRB: The JRB did see 2 related cases last week and recognized the resignation of Fred Sweitzer , a long term and valuable member of the board. He will be greatly missed.

\*Annual Mail Carriers Food Drive: Donations were significantly less this year than in the past. Generally we can count on the donations received through this drive to last us well into the summer months. That is not the case this year. We will need to come up with a strategy to bring in more food for the summer months.

**Leslie Offenbach, Youth Services Director** , distributed her written report. She is continues to participate on the Bridge St. School Community Center committee, attended the Juvenile Review Board and heard two cases. She has provided Selectman Mack with the history of the JRB/Juvenile Task Force and she attended the annual JRB Conference. She continues to participate in “Superintendent’s Community Advisory Board” and attends meetings of the “North Central Opioid Addiction Task Force” in Enfield.

Suffield Local Prevention Council: Eric Stratton’s presentation covered information about drugs and the connection between drug use and social media. She attended the “Marijuana Boot Camp” a daylong conference sponsored by the Governor’s Prevention Partnership to educate people on the reasons why marijuana should not be made legal.

**Chairman’s Report:** Mr. Michalman noted that he had finished the proposed final survey and he will email the survey to the members. He asked for feedback from the members. He discussed two mailing proposals and reviewed the cost of each. Mr. Brooks moved that the Commission authorize the Chairman to complete and finalize the draft of the Survey and the appropriate funding. Ms. Dufore seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Commission briefly discussed the problem of hoarding and how it hinders public safety officials. They recognize the huge task of developing a hoarding policy.

The Social Services Commission does not meet during July or August. The Chairman may call a special meeting if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary SS.Minutes. June.9.2016