

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
Community Health Committee



Agenda for regular meeting of CHC

Location: Town Hall at 174 Main Street Deep River, Connecticut 06417 (Conf Rm #2)

Meeting Date: October 18, 2011 - Tuesday

Attendance: CHC Members - Diane Recchia, Russell Marth, Nancy Howard, Kate Bender, Cindy Cosme, Maura Carver. Absent with permission: Chuck Walker
Guests: None

Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Call to Order - 7:35 PM by Russ Marth
- 2) Minutes from September 2011 meeting were reviewed. No changes or omissions were noted.
 - Motion to accept – Maura Carver
 - Second – Kate Bender
 - All in favor, none opposed
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Thanksgiving / Holiday activities
 - i. Valley Regional Field Hockey is conducting a toiletries drive. Collection end date for items is 10/31/2011.
 - Cindy will work with Russ to get the items over to the pantry
 - Discussion held to consider approaching other athletic teams at Valley Regional High School to conduct paper drives to support the Deep River Food Pantry
 - ii. Russ communicated to Deep River Social Services director that the CHC is willing to provide assistance, as needed, with missing items for the holiday baskets.
 - iii. Russ Marth contacted Dick Smith about the 'Stuff a Cruiser'. CHC assistance is not needed. 'Stuff a Cruiser' is 11/13/2011 (may change).
 - iv. Kate presented the idea of having Adam's donate items due for removal to the Deep River food pantry, Russ to contact Tracy Uphold, others as necessary to see if such a program is feasible.
 - v. "Rainmaking event" - Wine-tasting.
 - We continue to keep this event on the radar, but facility and liability are concerns which need additional research.
 - New fundraising event discussed – Tacos for Charity
 - Tentative date set for Sunday, 3/25/2012 at the Carriage House in Deep River
 - Tentative time set for 5:00-8:30
 - Tentative prices discussed for adults, children and family of 4 rates
 - Group agreed to make this an alcohol free event to encourage family participation and reduce liability to CHC

- Approximate cost to fund this event is \$770, however, discussion was held to consider seeking sponsors for the event to reduce overhead cost to CHC.
 - b) VNLV info / questions from CHC / needs –
 - i. In regard to new members, since there is room for additional CHC members, Russ will ask Dave Oliveria to advise interested citizen's via the televised BOS meeting to submit a letter of interest to Dick Smith
 - ii. In an effort to reach out to town Republicans who are not well represented on the CHC, Russ will contact Jim Olsen for his interest in participating on the CHC
 - iii. CHC has two available spots
 - d) Financial review of two CHC accounts and Review of Family Day activities
 - Checking – Memorial Fund \$1,174
 - Deep River Community Fund – \$30,565
 - Money Market – Memorial Fund - \$63,568
 - Total - \$95,3081
 - e) Diane continues to pursue DR Community fund logo tote bags
- 4) New Business
- a) Update on membership changes and relations with VNLV
 - i. Chuck Walker notified Russ that he was unable to attend the VNLV meeting with apologies, reporting that work has been demanding lately
 - ii. Town needs one more representative for VNLV
 - iii. Kate's nomination to VNLV is set to be confirmed at their next meeting
 - b) Donation mailing update
 - i. Letters went out on 10/17/2011 to 90 residents of Deep River
 - ii. Cost of materials and postage covered by CHC members
 - c) Nursing and/or health programs
 - i. Diane continues to pursue 'Hand Washing / Germ Program' for DRES
 - d) Other items as necessary - none
- 5) Audience of citizens – none
- 6) Adjourn – Motion made to adjourn by Nancy Howard at 8:40 PM
 Seconded – Maura Carver
 All in favor, none opposed

Respectfully submitted,
 Cindy Cosme, Secretary
 (October 20, 2011)