

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
Community Health Committee



Minutes of the January 2012 meeting of the CHC

Location: Town Hall at 174 Main Street Deep River, Connecticut 06417

Date: January 17, 2011 – 7:30 pm

Place: Town Hall, Deep River, CT

Attendance: Kate Bender, Maura Carver, Nancy Howard, Russell Marth. Absent with approval: Cindy Cosme and Diane Recchia; guests or citizens attending: None

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by the Chairman.
- 2) **Election of new officers:** The Chairman explained the need to select new officers each January and asked for nominations for Secretary, Chair and Vice Chair. A nomination was made by Kate Bender and seconded by Maura Carver that Cindy Cosme be re-elected as Secretary. M. Carver then nominated Russell Marth as Chairman which was seconded by K. Bender. Diane Recchia was nominated for Vice Chair by Nancy Howard and her nomination was seconded by M. Carver. No other nominations were made. Each nomination was voted upon separately, and each passed 4-0.
- 3) **Approval of minutes from November 29, 2011 meeting:** K. Bender made motion to accept the minutes and N. Howard seconded the motion. Upon review, there were no changes or omissions. Approved 4-0
- 4) **Audience of Citizens:** [none attended]
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a) *Fund drive: Tacos for Charity* – Ticket prices were reviewed, and a long discussion was held regarding the event, scheduling, publicity, food, probable profit and loss, logistics, roles to be played by various members, etc. There were no substantial changes to the program. Requests should be made to various local businesses for silent auction items.
 - b) *Nursing Programs* – expected guest did not visit, no action taken.
 - c) *Items, if any, to be discussed in regard to VNLV, before the Jan meeting...* the Chair asked if anyone had questions or comments for the VNLV, and at the upcoming meeting. None were brought forth. K. Bender discussed the current state of the VNLV from a health care and financial point of view and the various business actions the organization is taking.
 - d) *Review of Finances:* for the DR Community Fund, Memorial Fund, expenditures and income... the Town's Account Manager was kind enough to give figures in time for the meeting. The tallies for the two accounts were found to be: the Memorial Fund at approximately \$59,463 (checking and Money Market funds combined) and the Deep River Community Fund is approximately \$34,717. The total of the two is \$94,181.

Significant additional donation activity was noted, with over \$1,200 coming in since mid-December 2011. All donators have received thank-you notes, except these newest 6 people. For the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), donations and other income has totaled \$4,325.31.

On the expense (pay out) side, there has been a fair amount of activity with fuel assistance (\$3,650) the largest category. Food assistance (including Thanksgiving and Christmas Gift Cards) is a close second (\$2,625). Other money expended from the funds were for clothing, medicine and electricity, along with a donation to FISH (an organization that provides transportation to and from medical appointments for those who cannot drive themselves). Total expenses, for the fiscal year to date, are \$7,459.31.

There is a fair amount of food in the pantry at this time, according to DR Social Services Coordinator, Rosie Bininger. There is no need, currently, to restock the pantry. CHC to continue to monitor the situation and will help as necessary.

e) *Health education program plans* – No action taken, item tabled to Feb meeting.

6) New Business:

a) *Update on membership changes (CHC and VNLV)* There are two possible members for the CHC.

b) *Next fund raising effort is...?* Item discussed briefly but tabled to Feb meeting.

7) Adjournment: No other items were brought forward. N. Howard moved to adjourn and seconded by M. Carver. The motion was approved by vote, 4-0. Meeting ended at 8:43.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 21 at 7:30, Town Hall conference room A or B, as available.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Marth, Chairman
(Jan 18, 2012)