



TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Community Health Committee

Minutes of Nov 4, 2016 meeting Meeting Place: DR Town Hall, 174 Main St, Deep River

In attendance: Claire Walsh, Lori Gregan, Janice Kmetz, Kim Olson, Nancy Howard, Janet Klinck, Russell Marth

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Russell Marth, Chairman. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Marth kept the minutes for the meeting.

The minutes of the October 2016 were reviewed. Motion made by Janet Klinck to accept the minutes, seconded by Claire Walsh. No changes were proposed, minutes accepted by vote 5-0.

Review of finances Fund reports were not available from the town's accounts manager. Discussion of the year's events and various proceeds associated with them ensued. The CHC has had, by all measures, a very successful year during all of 2016.

Articles for DR Selectman's Newsletter Question arose as to whether the article written by Mrs. Krick would appear in the next Deep River News quarterly. Actions were taken to ensure that it would be.

Food Pantry update Mr. Marth has attempted contact with social services a couple times to check in and also get information for the upcoming Thanksgiving food drive.

Soup for You update The Soup For You event was held on Oct 23 at the DR Ambulance Barn. Proceeds were slightly higher than last year and the event was a complete success. Several soups were "sold out" during the event. There was quite a bit of after-the-fact comment, both pro and con, on how the event could be improved or even whether it should be continued in light of the large amount of work the event entails. No decisions were made, but the subject would be discussed further in future meetings.

Donation Mailing (Sept '16) The donation mailing broke all previous records with over \$6K received (YTD) since the mailing in mid-September. There was some discussion over why the improvement and what could be done next year.

Thanksgiving Food Drive The constables and resident state trooper will be doing their food drive on November 13th. CHC members will be on hand to assist, guide donators to the most-needed foods, and help with the food at the food pantry on High Street. Claire and Lori will take the 10:00 to noon shift, Russ and Janet will take the noon to 2pm shift at Adams (Nancy will act as back-up, as time permits. Others will go to High Street as needed. Jon Kastner will assist with signage at Devitt Field, while Kim Olson will help with a sandwich board she will allow the CHC to use.

VNLV news VNLV board met recently, Claire Walsh reported on several items. In general, the VNLV remains a healthy and vital organization and continues to win awards for its service. Claire reported that there was a recent annual inspection, which went well.

Meeting Schedule for 2017 Russell had distributed a proposed schedule of meetings for 2017. Discussion ensued and the following was adopted, by consensus, for the next year.

2017 Community Health Committee meeting schedule – 7pm at Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Jan – No Meeting	Feb 7	March – No Meeting	April 4	May – No Meeting		
June 6	July – No Meeting	August 1	Sept 5	Oct 3	Nov 7	Dec 6

Meetings may be added during the first half of the year if business warrants.

CHC Membership and Elections Elections of officers for the next year will take place at the December 2016 meeting. There is also one vacancy that may be filled.

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Kmetz and seconded by N. Howard. Meeting ended at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Marth, Chairman

November 6, 2016