



TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Community Health Committee

Minutes of December 6, 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 7:03 pm by Russell Marth, Chairman. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Marth kept the minutes for the meeting.

The minutes of the November 2016 were reviewed. Motion made by K. Olson to accept the minutes, seconded by Claire Walsh. No changes were proposed, minutes accepted by vote 6-0.

Review of finances Fund reports were reviewed by the members in attendance. The CHC has been instrumental in collecting funds and food for the Deep River Food Pantry, and is ready for the cold weather months of 2016/2017.

Articles for DR Selectman's Newsletter Mr. Marth to supply an article with cooperation from the VNLV nursing staff, if possible; or will provide a written report of CHC year for the next newsletter.

Food Pantry update Mr. Marth will meet with the social services director in mid-December. Both Mrs. Klinck and Mr. Marth will visit the pantry on the evening of Dec 8th.

Soup for You update The Soup For You event will be discussed in future meetings.

Donation Mailing (Sept '16) The 2016 donation mailing broke all previous records with over \$6K received (YTD) since the mailing in mid-September. Our citizens were incredibly generous and we are thankful for their wonderful help. Plans to be discussed for the 2017 mailing.

Thanksgiving Food Drive The constables and resident state trooper were mentioned for the excellent services they performed at that event. Much help was received from the manager and staff at Adams. Again, the people of Deep River were very generous, helping to "Stuff the Cruisers" several times.

VNLV news VNLV board met recently, with both CHC representatives Claire Walsh and Russell Marth in attendance. A few minor items were discussed, including their new officers. In general, the VNLV remains a healthy and vital organization and continues to win awards for its service.

Meeting Schedule for 2017 Just to repeat the schedule for next year, which has now been sent to the town clerk to fulfill the CHC's obligation to publicly post meeting dates for 2017.

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 The chairman called for open nominations of officers to serve throughout 2017. J. Kmetz nominated R. Marth for chairman, J. Klinck for Vice Chair and G. Krick for secretary, and nominations were seconded by C. Walsh. Calling for any further nominations and hearing none, nominations were closed. Voting for this slate of officers passed: 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

Thank you notecards J. Kmetz generously supplied very appropriate and artistic thank-you cards in order that the CHC could send notes of appreciation to the over 110 households who donated to the DR Food Pantry programs. The committee spent the rest of the evening signing, addressing and stuffing these thank-you cards. Postage was supplied by a committee member, K. Olson mailed the cards the next day.

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Kmetz and seconded by N. Howard. Officially, the meeting ended at 7:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Marth, Chairman

December 8, 2016