

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
Community Health Committee



Minutes

June 6, 2017

DR Town Hall, 174 Main St, Deep River

Attended: J. Klinck, N. Howard, J. Kmetz, M. Tomlinson, C. Walsh, R. Marth

- 1) Chairman called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- 2) Motion made by N. Howard to approve minutes from April 2017 meeting.
Second by J. Kmetz. No changes or comments offered, minutes approved 5-0.
- 3) Items discussed and/or acted upon:
 - a) Review finances: DR Community Fund and the little money left in the Memorial Fund checking account total \$87,802.64 according to the town's accounts manager's report. It was noted that the Memorial Fund is nearly depleted, and both the savings and checking accounts will soon be shut down, rendering that fund depleted (as per plan).
 - b) Articles for DR Selectman's Newsletter – there will not be an article in the next newsletter from the CHC. The committee's presence has been generally better in 2017 (to date) than last year, it was noted.
 - c) Food Pantry update – at one point, there was some concern of townspeople that the pantry was “too low” and needed some extra food. R. Marth was in touch with the town's social services director who did not seem concerned about food levels. However, the chairman did ask for help from G. Krick, who has purchased food (to be paid for by CHC funds) to be delivered to the town's food pantry site, this week.
 - d) VNLV news – C. Walsh gave a thorough report in regard to the status of our town's indigent nursing services. All seems to be going well and the service is in solid financial shape. Further, the VNLV is surveying patients to be sure their services continue to be responsive to the area's needs.

Mrs. Walsh also noted that there were 3 recent recipients of scholarship awards as provided by the Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley on an annual basis. One of the recipients was a Deep River student!

And... finally, there is a fund-raiser for the VNLV at the Copper Beech, Centerbrook on September 20th. Along with hors d'oeuvres there will be silent auctions and other events. All are welcome. CHC encourages participation from members, if possible.

- e) Donation letter – by general consensus it was agreed to mail another donation letter. This was discussed at an earlier meeting and no change to the program was discussed... business as usual. The timing would be similar to last year (mid-September) as will the style of the letter and envelopes, both similar to last year's successful effort.

- f) The Soup For You event (October 29th) was discussed at some length. The price for 2017 will increase (\$12 per person, \$10 seniors and children 10 y.o. and under can eat free). A draft-list of possible soup donators was compiled:
 - Adams – Bread
 - Calamari's Tavern
 - Red House
 - Dough On Main
 - Whistle Stop
 - Hally Jo's
 - Da Vinci Pizza
 - Wade's Store
 - Fremut Service
 - Lace Factory
 - Ambulance Barn
 - Ivory Restaurant
 - Deep River Pizza
 - Susan's Kitchen
 - Ivoryton Pub (Ivoryton)?
 - Blue Hound (Ivoryton)?
 - Simons (Chester?)

Basic table & chair set-up will be early, on Saturday, Oct 28 (Russ, Mike & Janice). Then decorating will take place (later on Saturday preferred). Sunday morning will be "all hands on deck" for soup pick up, heating, setting out food, bread, drinks and baked goods, etc. Exact time of event to be determined (11:30 to 2pm?) and more details to be worked out at future meetings.

It was hoped that better event cash could be raised by increasing the price slightly.

- g) Other items for discussion – included an announcement by J. Kmetz of the "Mad Hatter" event in July. Part of the event will include donations of food that will help the DR pantry, in addition to the library and garden club. A great way to celebrate and help several local charities!

- h) J. Kmetz made motion to adjourn at 8:12, seconded by N. Howard. Voted 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Marth, Chairman
June 7, 2017