

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT  
*Community Health Committee*



**Minutes**

**February 5, 2019**

**DR Town Hall, 174 Main St, Deep River**

**Attended: R. Marsh, N. Howard, G. Krick, M. Tomlinson, J. Giuliano, M. Spaner**

1. The Chairman called meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. A motion was made to approve minutes from December 2018 meeting made by M. Tomlinson. Second by J. Giuliano. No changes or comments offered, and the minutes were approved 6-0.
3. **Items discussed and/or acted upon:**
  - a. **Recurring actions**
    - i. **Review finances:** A balance of \$98,582.99 was reported in the account.
    - ii. **Donations:** \$16,000 came in from donation mailing. It was noted that one local resident donated a large sum from the mailing that was sent out by the committee.
    - iii. R. Marth shared the fact that the food pantry is well stocked, ready, and able to help.
    - iv. FISH - FISH (Friends In Service Here) is a non-profit, all volunteer driving service that provides free transportation to and from doctors' or dentists' offices, clinics and hospitals in the area roughly bounded by Guilford, Middletown and New London. The committee discussed an appropriate amount to donate. A motion was made by M. Tomlinson to donate \$1000. The motion was seconded by M. Spaner. The motion was voted upon and approved 6-0. More information about FISH can be found on the Deep River website:  
[http://deepriverct.us/Pages/DeepRiverCT\\_Webdocs/HowDoIdocs/fish](http://deepriverct.us/Pages/DeepRiverCT_Webdocs/HowDoIdocs/fish)
    - v. R. Marth will contact the local newspaper to share an outreach message to support and utilize FISH.
  - b. **Food Pantry update**
    - i. The food pantry is being well utilized and presently well stocked. Tuesday 9-12, Thursday 1-4 the pantry is open. Contact town hall for emergency access to the Food Pantry.
    - ii. The Adams IGA was very helpful and generous during the holidays.

- c. **VNLV report in regard to Deep River's citizens:** There are three vacant seats available on the VNLV Board of Directors for Deep River representation.

#### **4. Other Business**

- a. The Committee review of CHC charge of duties and its relationship to town government to gain general awareness for new committee members. Copies of applicable documents were made available for review by the members of the committee.

- b. **CHC Initiative and schedule for 2019**

- i. **Family Day** - The Committee confirmed that they will support the event later in the year. Planning will occur closer to the event.
  - ii. **Soup For You Day**- The committee agreed to hold this event again. It will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019.
  - iii. **Thanksgiving Food Drive**- The stuff-a-cruiser event will be held on Sunday November 17, 2019. The 2018 event was very successful.

- c. **Other Items Discussed:**

- i. **Promotion:** The group discussed ways of promoting the services the CHC provides. The social services team members typically make the services available to those in need. The CHC page has resources listed as well.
  - ii. **Backpack program:** Spaner will reach out to region 4 and other ideas for connecting with community service (e.g. spring concert). Grace will reach out to Cathy Smith and others to see ways we might be able to provide further assistance.
  - iii. Shore discount liquors has a wine tasting in December. This has been a major food fundraiser. We will need a lot of help for this event due to the high volume of donations. We need a large panel truck if possible. A team of people are also needed to assist. Date is pending.

- 5. G. Krick made motion to adjourn at 8:37, seconded by M. Spaner. Voted 6-0.

***Respectfully submitted,***

Mike Spaner, Secretary

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