

# MINUTES

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Date: **September 20, 2017**

MILLBURY, MASS.

Members Present: Amy George, Beth Weidman, Doreen Thornburg, Peter Hanson, Myles Leo

Absent: Carrie Prest, Valerie Comfort

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Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Introduction: Myles Leo from Department of Public Health. Myles is replacing Marie Graves.

Discussion regarding community events with the school and police departments, in particular the National Night Out and the School Assembly for Athletes, both held in August and the Alliance was never notified by either department. Committee members expressed their lack of support from various departments in town and the need to meet with the town manager Dave Marciello to inquire and determine our role and support system. Beth and Doreen expressed interest in attending.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the committee's frustration and concern with trying to accomplish our goals with the lack of support and the slow moving nature of it all along with no financial support.

Myles can help us to apply for grants to fund materials and promotional awareness events. There is a limited amount of funding and there are many free resources from the state and other agencies. Aids Project Worcester provides clean syringes and take back of old needles along with many other local resources.

-New campaign coming out of Baker's office focusing on preventative measures. Myles can obtain resources from the state for free.

Upcoming Events: Dr. Ruth Potee to speak Shrewsbury High School November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 information tables

### **Immediate Goals-**

1. Need to determine who is supporting this group. Amy will schedule a meeting with Town Manager Dave Marciello to talk with him.
2. Determine what we want the town to do to support us:
  - include us in all community events
  - increased communication with critical departments-school and police
  - work on budget and how we are to fund some of the goals we wish to accomplish
  - use the Chronicle as a reporting sourceNeed to talk with town manager before we can move forward as a committee. Members are frustrated and becoming disinterested in serving on the committee.
3. Need committee members- there are 4-5 vacancies on the committee. Doreen will contact Carrie Prest to inquire if she still is interested in serving.
4. Need to enlist a host of volunteers to assist us in accomplishing our goals.

**Community Mapping**

<b>Churches-</b> St Brigid, Assumption, Millbury Federated	Myles
<b>School Department-</b> Superintendent Greg Myers	Myles
<b>Police Department-</b> Chief Desorcy	Beth
<b>Fire Department-</b> Chief Hamilton	Peter
<b>Social Services</b> – VFW; Senior Center, Lions Club	Doreen
<b>Businesses</b> – Cold Stone Creamery; Ray True Value tElm Draught House; Banks	Beth
<b>Student</b>	
<b>Parent</b>	
<b>Medical/Pharmacy</b> – MCPHS, Doctor Offices, CVS, Rite Aid	Myles
<b>Spectrum Health Systems</b>	Myles
<b>Department of Health</b>	
<b>School Nurse</b>	
<b>Media</b> – Chronicle, Cable Network	Peter
<b>Youth Services</b> – Youth Commission, YOU, Inc.	Doreen

Committee members will reach out to the above assigned entities to invite them to join our committee and attend our next meeting. Committee to explain the expectations of members to attend meetings and follow up with action items as assigned.

Upcoming Events: “If Only” October 25<sup>th</sup> Grafton High School 6:15pm  
Dr.Ruth Potee November 16<sup>th</sup> -Shrewsbury High School 7pm

Next meeting October 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm Millbury Public Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

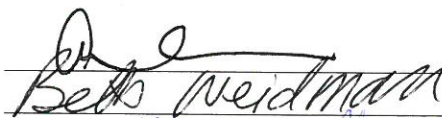
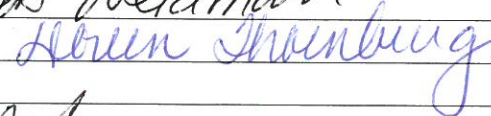
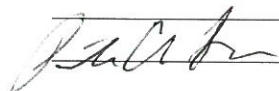
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