

Wayland Cares Review Committee - minutes for August 21, 2013, 9-10:30am at School Com Mtg Rm

9:03 Meeting called to order by Gail (members' arrival delayed by significant paving, hot tar, etc. in front of the town building) Attendees: Shirley Jacobson, Gail Shapiro, Katie Lee, Selectman Ed Collins

Gail reported that Town Administrator encourages members to attend the Open Meeting Law Seminar: Thursday, Sept 19th at 7pm. Katie, Shirley will attend. Meeting is on Sukkot so Gail will not attend. Seminar will be videotaped per town administrator so folks can watch it later.

Interview List: Shirley distributed a draft list made by Leslie and her with categories of people to interview. Gail led the group to whittle down the list to target our charge's goals.

First Round :

Shane Bowles; Jim Forti; Amy Schoeff, RN of WHS; Pat Tutwiler, former principal of WHS; Dr. Richie, current interim principal of WHS; Betsy Gavron; Ruth Backman; Mary Beth Sacramone, Wayland HS Guidance Department Head; WMH and WMS health curriculum coordinators; Lynn Dowd, Wayland Youth and Family Services; Representative of Board of Health; Police Chief Irving; Fire Chief Smith; Clergy who serve in Wayland; Clergy who live in Wayland and serve elsewhere; Dr. Paul Stein, Superintendent; (there may be more I missed).

Second Round : WaylandCares staff (group meeting with the committee here) Community people with a lot of knowledge about our kids, such as Kathy G., Liberty Pizza owner, etc.

Third Round: Non-community people who have pulse on substance abuse issues

Setting up for the Interviews: can do communications for set up over phone or email ok. Estimate 20 min of their time, preferably in person, over the phone if not able to do in person. Preface: Why are we asking questions, explain the selectmen charge which arose from previous town meeting that we are trying to carry out.

On record or off the record? The group debated if this would help with the quality and depth of information collection. We decided that we can ask each interviewee if they would like to speak on record for certain questions with their name attached to their statements. If they would like to speak off record, their quotes, opinions, concerns could be collected as anonymous quotes in aggregate after each question if they would like. This may be powerful if we are able to gather information that we would not have otherwise been able to get on record. The list of the interviewees will be included in the report for sure so that aspect of information will be of public record if they agree to an interview.

Interview Questions:

1. Are you familiar with Wayland Cares?
 - a. If no, explain WaylandCares briefly. Ask: "Regarding current substance abuse and mental health issues in Wayland, what needs do you see in the community?"

- b. If yes, they know what Wayland Cares is, ask: "What do you think about it?"

If they say "What do you mean?" Explain, "Tax appropriation was voted down at the last town meeting and re-explain charge of selectmen."
 - c. Assuming the program continues with grant or other funding or tax dollars, how should it be structured and led/ administered?
 - d. What services or education do you feel that you need for your children/students/clients in order to help prevent abuse of drugs or alcohol?
 - e. What do you think the Town - with or without Wayland Cares - should do to help parents help their kids prevent substance abuse?
2. Do you collect and have data regarding these issues in the Town of Wayland?

Interview Assignments: approximately 6 people per committee member

Gail: (waiting for Bill and Leslie to choose; will take the rest)

Shirley: Jim Forti, Shane Bowles, Lynn Dowd, Paul Stein, Mary Beth Sacramone

Katie: Amy Schoeff WHS nurse, WHS and WMS health curriculum coordinators, Pat Tutwiler previous WHS principal, Town Board of Health representative

Bill:

Leslie:

Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept 12th 6:30-8pm

Future meetings: On Wednesday afternoons, beginning October 2, as soon as soon as Leslie is free from school duties, 3:30pm?

Written Presentation to Selectmen: due November 13th, Special Town Meeting now tentatively scheduled for November 20th

Gail adjourned the meeting at 10:33 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katie Lee