



TOWN OF SUFFIELD

MEETING MINUTES SUFFIELD SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 - 8:30 AM

HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Call recording available on Town website under Social Services Commission (SSC)

Members Present: Marcia Dufore Vice Chair, Nathan Prusi, Pam Sinofsky, Chace Wessling and Robin Zatony

Department Heads Present: Paula Pascoe – Suffield Senior Center
Danielle Annibalini – Suffield Community Aid
Kathleen Powers — Youth Services
Kimberly Emmons – Suffield Housing Authority
Peter Leclerc – Parks & Recreation

1. Vice Chair Marcia Dufore called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. The commission members and department heads verbally confirmed their attendance at the meeting.
2. The minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Robin Zatony made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Pam Sinofsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment - NO PUBLIC COMMENT
4. Welcome and introductions:
 - a. New member, Nathan Prusi introduced himself to the Commission. All other Commission members and department heads present introduced themselves and gave some background information.
 - b. Suffield Housing Authority - Kimberly Emmons spoke briefly to the Commission and stated that she is looking forward to working with the Commission.
 - c. Suffield Community Aid - Danielle Annibalini spoke about programs for seniors and housing needs being addressed.
5. Department Reports
 - a. Suffield Youth Services — Kathleen Powers — report is attached
On May 25, 2022 there will be a presentation on Narcan. The biggest addiction in youth, grades 6-12, are alcohol, marijuana, and vaping.
 - b. Suffield Community Aid – Danielle Annibalini provided her report above (#4c)
 - c. Suffield Senior Center — Paula Pascoe — report is attached
With Paula's upcoming retirement, her position will be broken up into several pieces. A Senior Program Outreach Coordinator will need to be hired.
6. Old Business
 - a. Suffield Equity Profile discussion. There is a need for better data to understand the needs of the community. Robin Zatony will research temporary housing in town and report back at the next meeting.
 - b. Affordable Housing – it is getting harder and harder to get into town. The Commission agreed to invite Bill Hawkins to a meeting and talk about affordable housing in Suffield.

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7. New Business

- a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Chase Wessling made a motion to elect Marcia Dufore as Chair for the Suffield Social Services Commission. Nathan Prusi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marcia Dufore made a motion to elect Robin Zatony as Vice-Chair for the Suffield Social Services Commission. Nathan Prusi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. Consideration of other sources of Suffield data for setting priorities and action plans – the Commission talked about the affordable housing in Simsbury, 20%, near Cambridge Circle.
- c. Meeting Schedule going forward – Marcia Dufore, Chair, will follow up with members about the future meeting schedule via email.
- d. An updated directory has been sent to Commission members.

8. Robin Zatony made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Suffield Social Services Commission (SSSC) held via Zoom on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:29 am. Chace Wessling seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Regular Meeting of the Suffield Social Services Commission (SSSC) will be held via Zoom on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin

Recording Secretary

- c: Town Clerk
Commission Members
Department Heads