



Town of Suffield

Social Services Commission

Thursday, December 8, 2022 - 8:30 AM Meeting Minutes

Held at Suffield Town Hall/Hybrid Teleconference

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

Commission Members Present: Marcia DuFore-Chair, Robin Zatony-Vice Chair, Kathy Bielonko, and Nathan Prusi

Department Heads Present: Colin Moll – 1st Selectman
Peter Leclerc – Director of Community Services
Kimberly Emmons – Suffield Housing Authority

1. Chair Marcia DuFore called the meeting to order at 8:34 am. Commission Members and Department Heads listed above introduced themselves.
2. The minutes from the November 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Robin Zatony made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nathan Prusi seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment - NO PUBLIC COMMENT
4. Welcome and introductions. See #1.
5. Old Business
 - a. Affordable Housing Plan Update – Robin Zatony has accepted a position on the task force. There are currently six people on the task force. Kimberly Emmons stated she would like to be part of the Task Force. Flyers are available in the Town Clerk's office and the library. Colin Moll – 1st Selectman has extras in his office. Affordable housing is a big need in town. Kimberly Emmons receives a couple of phone calls each week asking about it. Robin Zatony spoke about rentals on South Main Street and how those places are not considered affordable.
 - b. Suffield Alight – the event was well received by the community. Peter Leclerc is open to any suggestions for future events. This is a great family event, and the weather was very nice for this year's event.
 - c. Updated Directory was emailed to Commission Members and Department Heads
6. New Business
 - a. Suffield Senior Services current programs and challenges. Peter Leclerc stated that there needs to be more of a focus on senior services. A survey will be sent out later this week or the next. It will be sent to current and upcoming seniors. Enrichment programming is offered. They consist of painting classes, floral classes, and lots of exercising options. Food costs are rising and that is a concern. They are working to keeping the meals offered affordable for seniors. They are still looking for a extra driver or two if they are needed in the future. A food delivery option is on the back burner at this time. Suffield Village Markets helps with items. The average amount of people to participate is about 40. Marcia DuFore – Chair shared her conversation with Danielle. Housing and caregivers for individuals are concerns. Robin Zatony spoke about the South Congregational Church and that they

6. New Business (continued)
 - a. have about 40 people in need of help. The churches and community work together to help fill this need. Food Share trucks are at West Congregational Church on Mountain Road every other Tuesday and open to any resident in Connecticut. The dates for December are the 6th and 20th. Sacred Heart Church also has a monthly food collection. There is a luncheon on December 14 at noon. There is also a need for volunteers for serving and cleaning. Breakfast with Santa needs servers and cleaners. Each shift is two hour clocks of time.
7. The next meeting for the Suffield Social Services Commission will be held Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 8:30 am at the Town Hall with a Zoom option available.
8. Robin Zatony made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Nathan Prusi s seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin
Recording Secretary

c: Town Clerk
Commission Members
Department Heads