



Town of Suffield

Social Services Commission

Thursday, April 11, 2024 - 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, Kathleen Bielonko, Sharon Bruno, Nathan Prusi, and Andrea (Chace) Wessling

Commission Members Absent: Ann Bauchiero

Department Heads Present: Colin Moll – First Selectman
Kelly Giannuzzi – Youth Services
Danielle Annibalini – Community Aid

1. Chair Marcia DuFore called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. Commission Members and Department Heads listed above introduced themselves.
2. The minutes from the March 14, 2024 meeting were discussed. **Vice Chair Robin Zatony made a motion to amend the minutes as follows:**
Item 4b, the last four sentences – There are youth every month with the Juvenile Review Board. This program is very important for the youth. The cases have increased, which effects the workload. The cases have been divided to individualized cases with help provided by the Juvenile Review Board and Local Prevention Council. **These sentences need to be moved under 4a, Suffield Youth Services. Sharon Bruno seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6:0.**
3. Public Comment – None
4. Department Reports – No reports this month – Danielle Annibalini updated the Commission on finding her replacement with Suffield Community Aid. The position is expected to be filled by the end of May 2024. Kelly Giannuzzi spoke about a successful set of presentations to middle and high school students about vaping and an upcoming Sock Hop.
5. Senior Center Report - Chair Marcia DuFore spoke regarding the final Senior Center report. First Selectman Moll will share the report. Plans are in place to hire a full time coordinator for the Senior Center. This was one of the top recommendations of the report.
Affordable Housing Task Force – they are working through recommendations to present to the Board of Selectmen. Chair Marcia DuFore shared a Legislative Update and reviewed the proposed bills regarding affordable housing. Vice Chair Robin Zatony will share this information at the affordable housing meeting tonight.
Future Commission Leadership – Chair Marcia DuFore’s closing on her home is June 3rd. Nominations will need to be made and voted on at the May 9, 2024 meeting.
First Selectman Colin Moll shared with the Commission that they could help put together a survey to residents to help design programs for seniors.
6. Old Business – None
7. The next meeting for the Social Services Commission is May 9, 2024 at the Town Hall with Zoom option available.

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8. **Kathy Bielonko made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Bruno seconded. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin
Recording Secretary

c: Town Clerk
Commission Members
Department Heads

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