



# Town of Suffield

## Social Services Commission

Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 8:30 AM Meeting Minutes

Held at Suffield Town Hall/Hybrid Teleconference

Recording of the meeting is available on Town website under Social Services Commission

**Commission Members Present:** Marcia DuFore-Chair, Robin Zatony-Vice Chair, Ann Bauchiero, Sharon Bruno, and Nathan Prusi

**Commission Members Absent:** Kathleen Bielonko and Andrea (Chace) Wessling

**Department Heads Present:** Colin Moll – First Selectman  
Kelly Giannuzzi – Youth Services  
Jason Joyce – Housing Authority

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 April 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. **Ann Bauchiero made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Sharon Bruno seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5:0.**
3. Public Comment – None
4. Department Reports:
  - a. Suffield Youth Services – Kelly Giannuzzi – The Sock Hop has been rescheduled until June 14, 2024 which is also the last day of school. The Youth Leadership Council, which is a group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, are amazing! They want to do a Public Service Announcement (PSA) about the effects of lack of respect for others and the ripple effect. There is help needed with the Juvenile Review Board and Community Service. They are looking for local agencies in town to help. Nathan Prusi recommended for Kelly to contact Tom at Sunrise Park. Vice Chair Robin Zatony spoke of a robotics group and putting a book together for the youth with the Juvenile Review Board. Robin also stated that the Suffield Historic Society needs help and that she would check with the churches in town to see if they need help. Vice Chair Robin Zatony stated that she is happy to help and is available on Thursdays and Saturdays.
  - b. Suffield Community Aid – Danielle Annibalini – There is a new hire for the Community Aid Director, Mary Curtin who will start next week. Vice Chair Robin Zatony asked if the Commission would be able to review her resume for informational purposes for the Commission.
  - c. Suffield Senior Center – Peter LeClerc – nothing provided this month.
  - d. Suffield Housing Authority – Jason Joyce – their Grant is starting on May 20, 2024. All units are filled. One unit will become vacant on May 12 and will be filled on June 1, 2024.
5. Old Business
  - a. Affordable Housing Task Force – they are meeting this evening and are working on sending their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. There are lots of young adults moving back in with their parents due to the high cost of housing. It was suggested that the Community Survey including housing.

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5. Old Business (CONTINUED)

- b. Chair Marcia DuFore resignation – Nathan Prusi thanked Chair Marcia DuFore for her dedication, time, and commitment to the Commission and wished her well with her move to Arizona and that she will be greatly missed. First Selectman Colin Moll echoed with Nathan Prusi said and thanked Marcia for her help throughout the years. All in attendance applauded and wished Marcia well.
  - c. Nomination/Election of Chair and Vice Chair – **Nathan Prusi made a motion to nominate Vice Chair Robin Zatory as Chair for the Social Services Commission. Sharon Bruno seconded. Vice Chair Robin Zatory stated that she was willing to accept the nomination. All in favor; motion passed 5:0.** There was discussion about Vice Chair. This item will need to be on the agenda for the June 13, 2024 meeting.
6. The next meeting for the Social Services Commission is June 13, 2024 at the Town Hall with Zoom option available.
7. **Chair Marcia DuFore made a motion to adjourn. Nathan Prusi seconded. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin  
Recording Secretary

c: Town Clerk  
Commission Members  
Department Heads

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