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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SUFFIELD SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025 – 7:30 AM  
SUFFIELD COMMUNITY AID – 450 SOUTH ST., SUFFIELD

**Commission Members Present:** Chair Robin Zatony, Vice Chair Nathan Prusi, Mark Blackaby, Sharon Bruno, Laura Eisenhaure, and Tim Reynolds  
**Members Absent:** Ann Bauchiero  
**Department Heads Present:** Mary Curtin – Suffield Community Aid  
Jason Joyce – Suffield Housing Authority

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1. Chair Zatony called the regular meeting to order at 7:33 am. Chair Zatony confirmed Commission and Members and Department Heads listed above were present.
2. The minutes from the February 21, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented. **Vice Chair Prusi made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Reynolds seconded. Mr. Blackaby abstained. Motion passed 5:0.**
3. Public Comment – None
4. Department Updates (no formal reports this month)
  - a. Bethany Sullivan - absent.
  - b. Youth & Families = Ms. Giannuzzi gave her notice in the last week of February 2025. Chair Zatony provided a copy of the job description and stated that it has been posted. Chair Zatony spoke with First Selectman Moll and he stated that his vision is to have the position program focused, which is something Ms. Giannuzzi wanted as well. Her last podcast focused on the importance of connection. It is hopeful that they will be able to find someone who is focused on programs. Chair Zatony and Ms. Curtin are focused on Suffield Sidekicks, which is a program for teenagers helping seniors. Danna Gaunter retired recently and worked on and submitted the grant for this program. There is an app for the teens to sign up. With the staffing change, we hope to hire a part-time consultant to get the program started this summer.
  - c. Mary Curtin – Suffield Community Aid – Administrative Assistant Joe retired after ten years. The sport and sneaker drive provided twenty-four individuals with shoes and sporting equipment. Over fifty families are enrolled to receive spring baskets. Stephanie Salerno's team is going door to door to collect food for the food pantry. The mammogram mobile is coming April 12. There are still a few spots available. Camperships are open for the summer. 80% or up to \$450 for those who make the income requirement. Rental Rebate is opening on April 1, 2025. It is a rebate for lower income to receive up to \$200 back on their rent if they meet the income qualification requirements. Stamp Out Hunger event is scheduled for May 10, 2025. The postal service will pick up food at homes and that is brought to food share.
  - d. Jason Joyce – Suffield Housing Authority – Things continue to be very busy. Tenant Representative Jacqueline Nielson held an event for St. Patrick's Day which included a movie, lunch, and making a craft. There were 20-25 people in attendance. She is planning on having some cookouts in the spring and fall. Ms. Nielson has also been helping with the food truck and getting things out to residents.
  - e. Commission Members – There was discussion on the Commission meeting less frequently. **Vice Chair Prusi made a motion to change the future meeting dates to quarterly, February, May, September, and November. Mr. Reynolds seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6:0.** There was discussion about a Community Services Task Force for residents to join and find ways to bring the Suffield community together and meet needs. Also discussed the recent approval of 12 new apartments with 4 of them being Affordable in the old Saint Joseph church.

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5. Old Business
  - a. Police/Fire/EMT course for kids and phone safety – on hold.
6. New Business
  - a. April 18, 2025 meeting – see #4 e's motion.
  - b. Town Fair – Chair Zatony asked for recommendations of businesses to ask about donating to make the fireworks happen at the summer fair. Looking for a \$5000 donation.
  - c. Ms. Bruno stated that Home Depot will be donating soil for the flower boxes outside the Senior Center and The Plant Lounge will be donating the flowers. Laura LaFlamme has agreed to have students help with planting the flowers. Vice Chair Prusi is working on the picnic tables.
7. The next Regular Meeting of the Suffield Social Services Commission (SSSC) will be held on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 7:30-8:30 am at Suffield Community Aid (450 South St.) with zoom option available.
8. **Mr. Blackaby made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Suffield Social Services Commission (SSSC) held Friday, March 21, 2025. Ms. Bruno seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin  
Recording Secretary