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HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Ellington Human Services

31 Arbor Way

6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Deborah Newton, Patricia Szafir,
Diane Harding

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Stack - Director of Human Services; Stephen Clapp – Elderly
Outreach, Kathleen Krider – Access Community Action Agency

Call to Order:

Debi Newton called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

Speaker:

Kathleen Krider, Sr. Director – Community Engagement & Resource Management from Access: Community Action Agency, gave an overview of the many different services and programs they offer to Ellington residents. This agency assists individuals and families from Tolland and Windham counties. Programs include food assistance (CACFP, WIC, site-based and mobile pantries), senior and low-income housing, and homelessness prevention through emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and supportive housing programs. She also highlighted employment support, case management, and the Housing Education & Counseling Center. Energy Assistance remains one of Access's largest programs, and Human Services is contracted to process applications for this federally funded program. Mrs. Krider noted that the Access website is the best place to find up-to-date information on programs and services.

Approval Minutes:

MOVED (SZAFIR) SECONDED (WAMBOLT-GULICK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2025 MEETING.

Citizens' Forum:

None

Directors Report: Rebecca Stack

Mrs. Stack reported that Hocine Baouche has resigned from the Human Services Commission, and the appointment of a new member is pending. She provided an overview of the programs offered over the summer, which included Back to School assistance, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, Summer Camp assistance, the ongoing Renters Rebate program, the food bank, and more. Participation numbers were shared and compared to previous years. Looking ahead, upcoming programs include Medicare open enrollment, holiday assistance programs, and energy assistance, with staff training for the upcoming energy assistance season scheduled for Thursday, September 11th. Mrs. Stack also noted that the Seniorhood Fair is scheduled for October 25th at Vernon Middle School.

Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2026

MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (SZAFIR) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE.

Adjournment:

MOVED (HARDING), SECONDED (WAMBOLT-GULICK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:01 PM.

Submitted By:

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Kelly Luginbuhl, Recording Secretary