

Community Services and Recreation
DRAFT MINUTES/UNAPPROVED

To: Community Services Commission Members

From: Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Community Services and Recreation

Re: Commission Meeting, May 7, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Attendance:

Present: Ron Bathrick, Kristen Brandt, Rev. Wayne Lavender, Michael Nappe, Chris Orris, Kim Rossi, Robin Wilson

Absent: Donna Malley, Michelle Spader

Staff: Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Community Services and Recreation
Carla Riccio, Secretary

1. Acceptance of Minutes of the meeting held on March 5, 2019:

Kristen Brandt made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 5, 2019, seconded by Michael Nappe.

2. Correspondence:

None.

3. Old Business:

Project Graduation: Ron Bathrick shared his continued efforts with the Commission.

4. New Business:

a. Director's Report:

Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Community Services and Recreation

Community Services:

Energy Assistance: Mr. Swinkoski reported that the energy assistance season concluded on May 1st. 182 applications were taken this energy season compared to 188 last season.

Fuel Bank Monetary Donations: A \$200.00 donation was made by Apex Pharmacy in Hamden and \$36.10 was donated by the North Haven Police Department

Food Donations: Mr. Swinkoski reported the following donations: Approximately 5 large boxes of food combined and various small bags from residents between March and April. The Knights of

Columbus made two separate donations, the first in the month of March was around 20 bags of food, and the second collected in the month of April was around 1,500 lbs. of food. Additionally, a North Haven Girl scout troop donated 15 bags of food including cereal, baby food and dried goods in the month of April. Finally, the North Haven Fire Department facilitated a large donation of frozen meat that was made available to them during the Stop and Shop strike. The food bank successfully filled one full freezer of various frozen meat products.

Food Disbursements: Mr. Swinkoski reported that 21 families were served in March, and in 27 families were served in April.

Child Abuse Awareness Month: For the 8th year in a row, the Town observed this national Child Abuse Prevention Awareness campaign. 100 pinwheels were placed in the mulch beds surrounding the front of the Main Town Hall Building. Among the pinwheels were 2 double-sided yard signs that read, “PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION: Shining in the sun, the pinwheels represent bright futures for our children and our community. We want all children to live in stable, loving, nurturing environments – at home, at school, and in the community.”

4TH Annual Summer Vacation Food Drive: This food drive will run from May 1st through July 31st. The goal is to collect a variety of kid friendly foods and snacks that they can enjoy over the months during their summer vacations. Food can be dropped off at the Community Services office located at the Town Hall Annex during normal business hours, Monday – Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Youth Services:

Prescription Medication Takeback: Mr. Swinkoski reported that the 18th Prescription Medication Takeback (sponsored by the DEA) that took place on April 27th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Fire Headquarters was very successful. Four large boxes of medications total (sans packaging) were returned by residents. The boxes were then picked up by a DEA agent charged with the disposal.

Youth Employment: The Workforce Alliance hosted a meeting for communities interested in hosting a Summer Youth Employment Program. As of the date of the meeting (April 24, 2019), the 2019 – 2020 Award for North Haven is \$24,000.

Counseling:

Census: Mr. Swinkoski reported that the current census remains at approximately 180 clients.

Daycare:

Mr. Swinkoski reported that all 15 preschool slots are filled with 12 on waiting list for Fall. Additionally, 28 out of 30 School age slots are filled with 4 on the wait list for Fall.

b.) Finance Report:

Mr. Swinkoski distributed budget reports for Community Services, Welfare and Senior Center (ending April 2019) to the Commission for their review and welcomed any questions. 82% of the overall budget expended YTD.

Additionally, reports of the Emergency Fund (Fund 204) and the Outreach Fund (Fund 304) (ending April 2019) were also distributed to the Commission for their review.

5. Public Comment:

None.

6. Adjournment:

Rev. Wayne Lavender made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Robin Wilson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.