

Community Services and Recreation

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

To: Community Services Commission Members

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

Re: Commission Meeting, December 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Attendance:

Present: Ron Bathrick, Donna Malley, Michael Nappe, Chris Orris, Kim Rossi,
Michelle Spader and Robin Wilson

Absent: Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Community Services and Recreation
Kristen Brandt and Rev. Wayne Lavender

Staff: Carla Picard, Secretary

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

Chris Orris made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 1, 2019, seconded by Robin Wilson.

2. Correspondence:

None.

3. Old Business:

Thanksgiving food distribution went extremely well. Carla Picard reviewed all of the highlights from this year's program.

4. New Business:

a.) Director's Report:

No official report given, however Mrs. Picard reviewed Thanksgiving and the up and coming holiday distribution details.

Community Services:

Energy Assistance:

128 applications have been completed season to date (compared to 121 last season). Appointments are booked through end of December.

Food Bank Monetary Donations: Carla Picard reported the following donations: \$500.00 from Jack & Jill Productions (from Chili Cookoff on Town Green), \$200 from Montowese Healthcare, \$100.00 from

North Haven Garden Club, \$100.00 from Skyway Restoration, LLC, and two \$25 Stop and Shop cards from Order of Eastern Star, Mystic Chapter #20.

Food Disbursements: 39 households came in for food in October 2018 and 9 households came in for food in November outside of the Thanksgiving meal distribution.

Fuel Bank Monetary Donations: The following donations came in October: \$1,200.00 from St. John's Episcopal Church, \$100.00 from Ronald Croce (in memory of Walter Gawryich), \$50.00 from Elinor & Carmen Pedalino (in memory of Walter Gawryich) and \$50.00 from Lisa Long (in memory of Walter Gawryich). \$250.00 was donated in November from Elaine LaVelle.

2018 Holiday Season of Giving:

Thanksgiving food distribution took place 11/26 from 12-2pm. **77 families** received Thanksgiving food (compared to 60 households in 2018). The food bank already has 47 turkeys in house for the Christmas food distribution.

Christmas food distribution: will take place Friday, 12/20 from 12-2pm. Holiday food sign ups began during the Thanksgiving food distribution pickup. So far 50 households have signed up. The deadline to sign up is 12/13/19. 74 households received food in 2018.

Toy selection: Residents have begun scheduling their appointments. 30 minute toy selection appointments will be available from Mon. 12/9 through Friday 12/13 from 9am-4pm. So far 16 families have signed up (compared to 30 last year). 60 families participated last year. The Toy Selection Program is intended for income eligible North Haven families with children ages 18 and under. Families must present proof of residency, birth certificates, proof of hardship and complete and sign a one page application upon arrival.

b.) Finance Report:

Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Community Services and Recreation

None.

5. Public Comment:

None.

6. Adjournment:

Donna Malley made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Chris Orris. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55p.m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.