



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD
VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED

A meeting of the Community Services Commission was held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 4th. The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

Attendance:

Present: Ron Bathrick, Mary Anne Hardy, Kristen Brandt, Donna Malley, Michael Nappe, Chris Orris, Kim Rossi, Michelle Spader, Robin Wilson.

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

Staff: Carla Picard, Secretary

1. Acceptance of Minutes of the meeting held on January 5, 2021 meeting:

Robin Wilson made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 5, 2021, seconded by Chris Orris.

2. Correspondence:

None.

3. Old Business:

None.

4. New Business:

a. Director's Report:

No official report given, however Mrs. Picard reviewed several items upon the Commission's inquiry.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Energy Assistance: The 2020-2021 energy assistance season started on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020. 193 applications have been completed season to date (compared to 153 last season). Deadline to apply for all heating types has been extended until June 15, 2021.

Food Bank

Mrs. Picard shared that donations have leveled off as well as food bank requests. 37 residents were served in March (42 last year) and 23 residents served in April (25 last year).

Child Abuse Awareness Month:

-For the 10th year in a row, the Town observed this national Child Abuse Prevention Awareness campaign during the month of April. A sign hung on the community bulletin board during the month of April, 100 pinwheels and 2 signs were placed in the mulch beds surrounding the front of the Main Town Hall Building.

Summer Food Drive: This 5th annual summer food drive will run from June 1st through August 31st.

Due to the current demographic of population utilizing the food pantry, Community Services intends on making this year's food drive not just for kids, but for the senior residents.

Community Services Daycare: Mrs. Picard shared with the Commission that the Community Services Daycare closed at the end of March 2020.

Senior Center: Mrs. Picard shared that the Senior Center intends to be reopen in June.

Project Graduation: Upon a flurry of questions, Ron Bathrick provided an update to Project Graduation. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the State's continued reopening, Project Graduation has been cancelled for a second year. Ron is currently in discussions with Russ Dallai regarding possible options of things to do for the graduates.

5. Adjournment:

Mary Anne Hardy made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Michael Nappe. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.