



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

A meeting of the Community Services Commission was held on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:28pm.

Attendance:

Present: Ron Bathrick, Mary Anne Hardy, Michael Nappe, Chris Orris,
Robin Wilson.

Absent: Kristen Brandt, Donna Malley, Kim Rossi, Michelle Spader

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

1. Acceptance of Minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2021 meeting:

Chris Orris made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 4, 2021, seconded by Michael Nappe.

2. Correspondence:

None.

3. Old Business:

None.

4. New Business:

a. Director's Report:

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Energy Assistance: The 2021-2022 energy assistance season will be starting on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021. Community Services will continue to conduct phone appointments with North Haven residents on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm. As successfully done last year, all paperwork for signature and required documents will be requested and processed following the residents' phone appointments. *Clearly marked pick up and drop off boxes are located outside of the Town Hall Annex building.*

Fuel Bank Monetary Donations: Mr. Swinkoski reported that no donations came in for for June, July or August.

Food Bank Monetary Donations: Mr. Swinkoski reported the following monetary donations:

June: \$150.00. \$100 from Elaine Lavelle, \$50 from Deb and Robert Trelewics

July: \$432.00. \$40 from Dave Yaccarino & Paul Cicarella, \$50 Genevieve Bimonte, \$342 North Haven Fairgrounds

August: \$50.00 Genevieve Bimonte

Food Donations: Mr. Swinkoski reported the following food donations:

June: Approximately 11 bags from various residents

July: Approximately 24 bags donated from various residents, 80lbs from North Haven Fairgrounds, 50lbs from Lions club

August: Approximately 26 bags donated from residents, 300lbs from Lions Club

Food Distribution: Mr. Swinkoski reported the following disbursements of food bags:

June: 25 households

July: 30 households

August: 26 households

Current food bank needs: The food bank is currently in need of canned soups and canned vegetables.

Shred Event: DR Clark & Associates will be hosting their annual shred event on Saturday, September 18th. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items in order to have their items shredded. All donations will benefit the Community Services food bank. Several hundred food items are anticipated to be collected.

COUNSELING:

Sara Sabellico, LCSW (Clinical Manager) returned from Maternity leave in May.

Telehealth, using HIPPA compliant Zoom technology, remains the primary mode of contact with clients. The clinic has safely increased the number of face-to-face visits though the demand for in-person has not been as significant as originally anticipated. Many clients prefer telehealth sessions for the convenience and ease of access it provides.

YOUTH SERVICES:

Youth Services Administrator Nancy Leddy retired on June 30th after working 20 years for the Town of North Haven. Workforce Alliance efforts will be overseen by staff at the Board of Ed. Semi-annual prescription medication takeback will continue to be coordinated through the Community Services office.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 5th.

5. Public Comment:

None.

6. Adjournment:

Robin Wilson made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Mary Anne Hardy. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.