



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022**

A meeting of the Community Services Commission was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2022.
The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Attendance:

Present: Ron Bathrick, Kristen Brandt, Mary Anne Hardy, Michael Nappe,
Michelle Spader, Robin Wilson

Absent: Donna Malley, Laurie Reynolds, Kim Rossi

Staff: Carla Picard, Secretary

1. Acceptance of Minutes of the meeting held on September 6, 2022 meeting:

Although there was quorum this evening, due to the limited number of commissioners who were at the September 6th meeting, there were not enough people to make a motion to approve the minutes. Approval of the September 6th meeting minutes were tabled until the December 6th meeting.

2. Correspondence:

None.

3. Old Business:

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

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 2022-2023 energy assistance season began today, **Tuesday, October 4th, 2022.**

Community Services will continue to conduct phone appointments with North Haven residents on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm, and off times as needed. 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.*

October 2022 DEA Takeback: Will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 10am – 2pm at Fire Headquarters, 11 Broadway. For the 22nd time, the Town of North Haven and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will be teaming up to give the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. This semi-annual event takes place every April and October. In April 2022, 181 residents came with medications to return; a total of 9 boxes of returned medications were collected.

Breast Cancer Awareness:

The Town of North Haven is observing Breast Cancer Awareness month this October. Resident Lynn Nielsen placed over 50 pink ribbons along the fence in front of Memorial Town Hall. This is the second year the Town will be observing this cause with her help.

2022 Holiday Season of Giving:

Thanksgiving Food Distribution: Thanksgiving food pickup will take place on Monday, November 21st from 12-1pm in the main gym at the Recreation Center, 7 Linsley St. (next to Town Hall Annex). Residents will be asked to present their photo ID and sign their application upon arrival. Residents will be guided around the gym to pick out their turkey, a preassembled bag of traditional Thanksgiving food and a pie. Residents may begin signing up on November 1st

Holiday Food Distribution: Holiday food pickup will take place on Thursday, December 22nd from 12-1pm in the main gym at the Recreation Center, 7 Linsley St. (next to Town Hall Annex). Residents will be asked to present their photo ID and sign their application upon arrival. Residents will be guided around the gym to pick out their turkey (or ham if available), a preassembled bag of traditional holiday food and a pie. Residents may begin signing up on November 1st (at the same time they sign up for Thanksgiving food).

Holiday Toy Distribution: Christmas toy distribution will take place from December 12th – December 16th. 44 families (86 children served) participated in the holiday toy selection program last year.

COUNSELING SERVICES:

Clinical Staffing Updates: New counselor candidate with an LMSW was supposed to be starting on September 26th however rescinded her acceptance for the position. We are in the process of onboarding an LCSW candidate who, pending all background checks, will begin after October 17th.

- b. Finance Report:
No report given.

5. Public Comment:

None.

6. Adjournment:

Michelle Spader 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, December 6, 2022.