



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

A meeting of the Community Services Commission was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.  
The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm.

Attendance:

Present: Ron Bathrick, Kristen Brandt, Mary Anne Hardy, Michael Nappe, Kim Rossi  
Michelle Spader.

Absent: Donna Malley, Robin Wilson

Staff: Carla Picard, Secretary

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

Kristen Brandt made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 1, 2022, seconded by Michelle Spader.

2. Correspondence:

None.

3. Old Business:

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

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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. 252 applications have been completed season to date (compared to 153 last season). Deadline to apply for all heating types was 5/2/22, but now has been extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Child Abuse Awareness Month:** Was observed from April 1-30<sup>th</sup>. This was the Town's 11<sup>th</sup> annual observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness. A sign will hang on the community bulletin board, 100 pinwheels will once again be placed in the ground in front of the Main Town Hall Building.

**DEA Takeback:** On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm, the Town of North Haven and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) teamed up once again 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. Visitors were asked to bring medications for disposal to North Haven Fire Headquarters located at 11 Broadway. The service was free and anonymous, with no questions asked. This was the 21<sup>st</sup> National DEA Takeback Day, with collection events taking place every April and October. 181 residents came with medications to return; a total of 9 boxes of returned medications were collected.

**Clinical Staffing Updates:** New (temporary to hopefully permanent) APRN, Dana Smart started on May 20<sup>th</sup> (replacing Michele Britton, APRN). New BHcare Clinical Manager, Donella Crenshaw, LCSW will be starting on May 9<sup>th</sup> (replacing Sara Sabellico, LPC). New counselor Ali Greenfield, LMFT will be starting later in May (replacing Marissa Garfunkel, LCSW). Christine Porto, LCSW's last day will 5/13. A requisition for her position has just been posted on the Town website.

## SENIOR CENTER:

**Seeking Candidates for Senior Center Manager:** Senior center Manager Judy Amarone will be retiring as Senior Center Manager on June 30, 2022. She will be staying on staff with the Town as a part-time Municipal Agent. The Town is currently seeking candidates for the Senior Center Manager. This person will also assume responsibility of overseeing Community Services.

b. Finance Report:

*No report given, however Mr. Bathrick is going to confirm with Mike that financials be presented in the absence of a Community Services Director.*

5. Public Comment:

None.

6. Adjournment:

Michelle Spader made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Kim Rossi. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.