

**CHESHIRE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ROOM 210**

Committee Members Present:

R. Veleber, M. Pickett, D. Kelleher, B. Trussell and C. Trussell

Committee Members Absent:

K. Selleck, and B. Barlok

Staff Present:

S. Ferrall and K. Schechter

Others Present:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Veleber called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present for this meeting. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 2015 MINUTES

It was determined that there was no quorum for the May 2015 meeting therefore the minutes that needed to be approved were the April 2015 minutes.

MOTION by B. Trussell that the Human Services Committee approves the minutes from the April 9, 2015 Regular Meeting as submitted. **SECONDED** by M. Pickett.

VOTE: In Favor – D. Kelleher, M. Pickett, B. Trussell, C. Trussell and R. Veleber
Opposed – None

The motion passed 5 – 0.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

There were 41 food vouchers distributed for the month of April. K. Schechter attended a CHAT meeting and Veterans Benefit Training. The Renters Rebate program, which is funded by the State of Connecticut, started April 1st for all elderly and/or disabled renters that meet the earning guidelines qualify for this program. This program runs through to October 1st; the Homeowners Tax Incentive Program runs between October 1st and April 1st

There were 48 food vouchers distributed for the month of May. K. Schechter attended a Hoarding Conference and the Renters Rebate program continued.

5. SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

There were 12 working days for the month of April. There were 169 inquires (telephone calls, emails) and 30 appointments (including 8 transportation evaluations/home visits). S. Theroux attended a CHAT meeting and a Planning meeting.

There were 16 working days for the month of May. There were 193 inquiries (telephone calls, emails) and 32 appointments (including 7 transportation evaluations/home visits). S. Theroux attended a Lunch & Learn program, Volunteer Lunch and is participating in an 8 week CHAT Physical Balance Program. There was also a Caregiver Support Group, which 4 people attended.

S. Ferrall mentioned that the Town Council approved additional hours for the Senior Center Social Worker, starting in January 2016, in the 2015/2016 Operating Budget.

S. Ferrall talked about the space constraints for exercise classes at the Senior Center. They now have to use a lottery program to select participants for some of the more popular classes. Renovations are planned for the lower level of the Senior Center, which will allow for more space for these classes. There is also talk of moving the pool tables and card tables to the lower level once the renovations are complete.

6. NEW BUSINESS

B. Trussell talked about the Masonic Charity – Humanitarian Foundation, which provides dental care for children with special needs. D. Kelleher stated that with the cuts to Medicaid, this program might get a lot of attention soon. B. Trussell explained that this program is for major dental work, which is done in a hospital setting. D. Kelleher suggested that the State Social Service Departments should be made aware of this program as well as dental offices so that the people that need this service will be able to find the information.

D. Kelleher asked what the Human Services Committee could work on next? Members talked about running an Internet and Technology addition program in Cheshire. D. Kelleher mentioned Paul Weigle, of Natchaug Hospital, who she has seen speak in the past and thought did a great job. She will contact Mr. Weigle to see about putting a program together for this Fall.

Committee members were reminded that there is not a July meeting scheduled.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by D. Kelleher to adjourned the June 11th Regular Meeting of the Human Services Committee at 7:52 p.m.; **SECONDED** by M. Pickett.

VOTE: In Favor – D. Kelleher, M. Pickett, B. Trussell, C. Trussell and R. Veleber
Opposed – None

The motion passed 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary