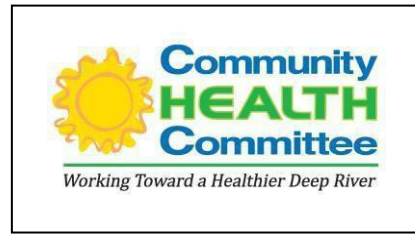


TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
Community Health Committee

Meeting minutes/CHC



Meeting Place: Richard H. Smith / Deep River Town Hall

Meeting Date: Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 7:04pm

The meeting of the Community Health Committee was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chairperson Tracy Woodcock, at the Deep River town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Tracy Woodcock, Vice-Chairperson Lori Gregan, Secretary Betsy Scholfield, Joyce Berardis and Nancy McGee. Absent were Jackie Calamari, David Blifford and Nancy Howard.

Secretary Report: Report was read and motion was made to accept the report by Joyce Berardis and seconded by Nancy McGee.

Treasurer Report: Fund balance is \$130,728.39. Expenses (not all bills are in for February but to date) YTD=\$1,533.65 for backpack program, \$66.5 for Food pantry for Total Expenses= \$1,599.70

We made corrections to our Spring Newsletter and submitted to the Assistant to the First Selectman for publication.

Backpack Program – schedule done for the month of March and we now have 15 kids – 5 multiples 5 singles. Jackie and David went to Clinton, Old Lyme and Killingworth Food Pantries for future ideas for our pantry.

Food Pantry: Jackie and Davis came up with some ideas to improve our Pantry:

1. Consider only 1 day a week from 3-5:30
2. Get a free membership from Restaurant depot – Hartford for fruit and veggies
3. Talk to local grocery stores Adam, Roberts etc about day old breads
4. Work closely with Lions to see if they will do food and money collections 2-3 times/year at dump or grocery store. Also food boxes in other locations besides Adams with Lions picking up monthly
5. Work with schools and churches for donations
6. Add jars in local stores to deposit change for Food Pantry
7. Contact Earth breeze for free laundry detergent sheets
8. Contact LL Bean for free returned backpacks – In Killingworth each child gets 2 backpacks. They must return them to get food
9. Improve social media present with improved webpage and a Facebook account
10. Create an Amazon wish list
11. Collect Bottles at building for 10 cent deposit
12. Killingworth buys only fresh fruits and dairy. Everything else is donated
13. Partner with local farms for free produce
14. Need more volunteers to do little jobs
15. Weekly request from First selectman's weekly newsletter

Membership & Bylaws: we are updating the Bylaws and once they are done we will vote on the new ones and submit them.

Adjourned: 8:10 1st motion by Tracy and 2nd by Joyce