

TOWN OF DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

Community Health Committee

Meeting minutes/CHC

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

Meeting date: Tuesday January 9, 2024

The meeting of the community Health Committee was called to order by Vice-chairperson Lori Gregan at 7:03 p.m. at the Deep River Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Tracy Woodcock, Vice Chairperson Lori Gregan, Secretary Betsy Scholfield, Treasurer Jackie Calamari, David Blifford, Joyce Berardis, Nancy McGee, and absent members were Nancy Howard.

Secretary Report: Motion made to accept the report by Lori Gregan and seconded by Jackie Calamari

Audience of Citizens: Christine Nucci is a licensed Clinical Therapist who works with the town of Deep River residents and spoke about the Web site for our health services. Our Web page is outdated and the information is hard to navigate and fill out forms. We also need to be ADA compliant. The Town of Deep River is posting a position for a Lic. Clinical Social worker for 20 hours a week at \$65,000.00 for a 2 year term. The funds come from the Arbor Funds. This position is meant to help navigate the system and work on programs such as Warm the Childres, heat assistance for children, elderly and adult individuals with special needs. Christine thinks the 3 towns should collaborate to help the Tri Town area. Christine also said she was putting together ideas for fundraising in the area.

Treasurer's Report- Our account has \$131,284.79. We moved \$100,000 from Citizens Bank to Liberty in a money market at 5% and \$20,000 was moved to Liberty Bank checking account. Annmarie from the town hall has our checks and when a check is written it needs 3 signatures to be processed. Our drive brought in 142 donors at \$12,770.00 and other funds \$9,404.00 as well as \$1,002.00 from the round up week at Adams. The cost to Pages Printing was \$768.00. Jackie is checking on Venmo to add to the ways to donate funds to our program. Jackie suggested we change the forms for future donations that

we receive and have more accountable of our funds. Motion was made by Joyce Berardis and a 2nd by Lori Gregan

Backpack Program – David said we have 14 students which consist of 5 doubles and 4 singles. Joyce said the town has a tax free Amazon account to use for the bulk food items that we purchase for the program. Our BJ's card expires in March and we need a second person to help with the shopping. Nancy McGee said she can help out with that.

The town hall will do the backpacks for February and we will send the information to them which includes the menu. Food pantry is fully stocked at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We have decided to use the town's Amazon account. We are asking Adams to put us on more weeks for the round up program. Dave and Jackie will follow up with this.

Dawn Norton submitted her resignation letter. We appreciate all her hard work with our committee and wish her well.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joyce and Tracy

Adjourned at 8:04

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Scholfield