



Human Services Committee
367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA
October 8, 2024
5:30pm

Meeting Minutes

I. BUSINESS

A. Roll Call: Chair Cheryl Powell took roll call: The Governor's office protocol for remote participation due to Covid restrictions is no longer in effect therefore this meeting was held in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: Cheryl Powell (Chair); Suzanne Welch, Wendy Crocker, Sheree Kay (Missi), and Kimberly Crocker-Crowther.

Members absent: Rep. Steven Xiarhos

I. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Roll Call
- Discuss report to be given to Town Council
- Approval of July 2024, August 2024 and September 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Information gathering and cataloging.
- Roles and reports
- Guest speaker (s) and planning
- Public Comment
- Other items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair
- Adjourn

Chair of Committee Cheryl Powell opened the meeting at 5:35pm and did a Roll Call of members present. (See above) The meeting began with a confirmation of quorum and instructions for participation.

Chair of Committee started the meeting by announcing "In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws informed that the meeting would be replayed on Xfinity Channel 8 and HD Channel 107". It was also mentioned that the meeting would be accessible on the government access channel and video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable website.

Chair of Committee distributed the Town issued Human Services Committee purview for all Committee members to read. Town Council member Bette Lutke was present, and the Chair asked her for her opinion, based on our purview, how best we can help the community. A discussion ensued that reiterated the five critical Community issues, e.g. addiction, homelessness, crime etc., and how they all overlap and create a vicious cycle. The current focus of our committee should be to coordinate efforts with the Community Health Clinic Resource database preparation which should include a resource for pet supplies. Committee member Crocker feels the first step should be to create a Needs Assessment for

Opioid Funds which will be extremely helpful in providing very important financial resources. The Chair of Committee is still on track for submitting her update to the Town Council by the end of December 2024. Approval of the July, August and September Meeting minutes were continued as not all Committee members have had an opportunity to review them. They will be placed on the November meeting agenda for approval. Chair of Committee stated that a Peer Support Counselor is interested in joining the Committee and she will be inviting him to attend the November meeting.

As there was no public comment a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM was made by Wendy Crocker and seconded by Suzanne Welch.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2024

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