

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

FINAL MINUTES
October 28, 2010

A meeting of the Human Services Commission was held on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at 4:30pm in the First Floor Conference Room in the Sullivan Independence Hall in Fairfield.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: William Varga, Chairman; Phil Stein, Vice-Chairman; Jennifer Hochberg, Secretary; Doug DeFauw, Board of Health Liaison; Kathleen Howard, Elizabeth O'Connell, Joan Swanson, Al Vosburgh, Terry Medlin.

ALSO PRESENT: Claire Grace, Director of Human & Social Services.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:40pm by Chairman William Varga.

MINUTES: The September 23, 2010 minutes were amended on pg. 3 to replace "Town Planning and Zoning" with "Affordable Housing Commission". Commissioner Jennifer Hochberg moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Joan Swanson. The motion passed unanimously.

FAIRFIELD SENIOR SERVICES: Claire Grace reported the following to the Commission: "Living Well", a free program for individuals with chronic illnesses, will be held November 9, 16, 23, 30, & December 7 & 14. Twelve clients will meet for six weeks initially then quarterly. The program is funded by a federal grant.

*November 18 will be a craft fair at the Senior Center, and on November 19 there will be a free cardiac screening (Fairfield University Nursing will be running this program).

BOARD OF HEALTH LIAISON: Commission Doug DeFauw reported that there have been 2000 flu shots administered so far to town residents, and that the Town has acquired an inflatable tent for emergencies, funded by a Department of Homeland security grant.

RTM LIAISON: Commissioner Hochberg reported that the amendments to the tax relief for the elderly ordinance were not discussed at the October 25, 2010 RTM meeting, and will be taken up by the RTM at their November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: A visit to Parish Court was made by some of the Commission back on October 7, 2010 to tour the facility.

To clarify how the Minutes and Agenda are sent monthly, only Commissioners DeFauw and Hochberg receive them in email, and everyone else by regular mail.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner DeFauw will be contacting Rich White, Director of Public Works for the Town, to possibly come to the November meeting, and also Elizabeth Gutierrez, new Housing Director. Steve Grathwohl, Chair of the Affordable Housing Commission, will be attending one of the Commission meetings at a date to be set.

It should also be noted that the issue of “no more than five members from one party” on a Commission came up; Kathleen Howard will check into this matter with the First Selectman.

Elections were held for officers of the Commission. For Chairman, Commissioner Al Vosburgh nominated Commissioner DeFauw. For Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Elizabeth O’Connell nominated Commissioner Hochberg. For Secretary, Commissioner Hochberg nominated Commissioner Terry Medlin. All nominations were seconded and approved by the body unanimously.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at the Fairfield Senior Center on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. A memo will be sent to the Town Clerk of this change in meeting date (from the original scheduled date of November 18, 2010).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hochberg
Secretary, Human Services Commission
Town of Fairfield