

Council for Human Services
September 19, 2011
4 Fairgrounds Road

Minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2011: The meeting took place at noon at 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554.

Members Present: Mary Wawro, chair., Linda Barrett (12:30pm) sec., Margaretta Andrews, Jeannette Garneau, Holly McGowan, Augie Ramos, Richard Ross

Members Absent: Teal Beal, John Belash

Staff Present: Pam Meriam

Members of the Public: No members of the public were present.

I. Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm

II. Quorum: A quorum was established.

III. Introductions: Introductions were dispensed with.

IV. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved

V. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 2, 2011 were approved with corrections.

VI. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

VII. Report on Open Meeting requirements for Council members: Pam Meriam and Mary Wawro presented a report on the requirements of the Open Meeting Law. A copy of the March 24, 2011 "Open Meeting Law Guide" issued by Attorney General Martha Coakley was distributed to each member present. All members were directed to read the regulations thoroughly and to sign and return to HSD Pam Meriam the Certificate of Receipt of Open Meeting Law Materials appearing in the back of the booklet. A copy of each signed certificate will be kept by the HSD and the original will be filed with the Town Clerk. These certificates are a public record. Copies of the full Open Meeting Law Guidelines were also made available to the members.

VIII. Report on Ethics Commission Requirements for Council members: Pam and Mary presented a report on the Ethics Commission Requirements for the Council members. It was noted that all Town employees (including Council members) are required to take the Ethics Training Session presented by Town Counsel.

IX. Report on Status of CHS projects: Holly would like to see more bike racks at school and a program for riding bikes to school. She also has an interest in more bike paths, this will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Mary attended a homeless conference and found many people don't have cars to bring students to school. Ideas to bring volunteers and parents together to work on solutions are being discussed with Paula Leary also participating from the NRTA. For the Massachusetts in Motion grant, you must show and provide community wide participation.

X. Assigning Council Member responsibilities: Motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously for the following: A motion by Jenny for Richard, Mary, Linda and Pam to work on dental health programs.

A motion by Holly for Pam and Jenny to work on health and outreach programs.

A motion by Margaretta for policies to be continued by Pam and Mary with Teal also helping.

XI. Needs Survey: Margaretta reported that the Needs Survey is still in development, more money is still being sought to help complete it. It was suggested by council members that the Town may need to take a leadership role and the assessment may need to be more narrowly focused.

XII. Nantucket Healthy Community Report: Jenny reported that an immigration attorney would be at Fairgrounds Restaurant on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm.

XIII. Fuel Assistance: Pam will be attending fuel assistance training next Tuesday. 1:20pm – Pam left the meeting.

XIV. Election of Officers: A motion made by Jenny, seconded and voted unanimously elected Mary Wawro as Chairperson. John Belash was elected Vice Chairperson by a motion made by Holly which was seconded and voted unanimously. Richard made a motion which was seconded and also voted unanimously to elect Linda Barrett as Secretary.

XV. Appointment of CHS Representative to CRC: A motion was made by Margaretta, seconded and unanimously voted to have Holly McGowan be appointed as representative to the CRC.

XVI. Council member comments: The CRC proposal could not be discussed at this time as Libby had not seen it. A meeting with her is scheduled for tomorrow.

XVII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:36pm

Respectfully submitted by *Linda Barrett*, Secretary

Materials used: Draft of 8/2/11 minutes, “Open Meeting Law Guide”
Fuel Assistance Statistics for FY11

Approved October 17, 2011 *lmb*