

Minutes of the Meeting  
**Health & Human Services Commission**  
January 8, 2009 8:45 AM  
Vine Cottage

**Present:**

Commission Members: Lissa Barker, Tom Ferguson, Bev Greenberg, Jim Lisher, Lance Minor, and Carlyn Tiefertalder

Staff Members: Carol McDonald and Tony Phillips

**1. Approval of Dec. 4, 2008 Minutes:** Minutes of the Dec. meeting were approved unanimously.

**2. Staff Reports**

**a. Human Services:** Carol reported there was the typical increase in activity over the holidays. 40 families and 10 seniors received food boxes, and the Secret Santa program served 57 children and 40 seniors. Carol wrote a letter of thanks to the many groups who helped HHS this season. There was a good community response, including cash donations, families adopting other families and some businesses also contributing. She distributed copies of an article covering the holiday activities at HHS. She also handed out a list of HS assistance expenses for the month of December (total=\$5,500.27, plus \$516.57 from United Way's Touch A Life fund). The liquidation sale of furniture stored at Irwin Barn is going well.

**b. Health Department:** Carol gave the report for Rick, who is attending a radon conference. Of interest is analysis of granite counter tops and certain rocks used around fireplaces in homes that may contain radon. Le Pain Quotidien opened in Dec. and is doing well. Chef Lois received help from the Health dept. in preserving his food when he lost power, and Crumbs, a proposed bakery, will open soon. A septic failure occurred on Laurel Rd. The owner is having trouble with a loan, so the town will place a lien for the cost of pumping their septic system.

**c. Youth Services:** Tony reported on YAPB activities, highlighting the carol sing and pizza party with residents of School House Apts, and shopping for a family. He and Jackie attended a DVCC luncheon, and had a meeting with NC Cares to discuss partnering on some programs. There will be a public hearing regarding the Outback's zoning permit, and Tony is also concerned about the state's Youth Services Bureau's loss of 10% of its funding for next year. Some towns fund their youth directors with this money, so depend on it. Carol reported a positive meeting with some Coalition members and parents. They have some LFCRAC grant money to spend.

**3. Seniors Sub Committee Report:**

Tom reported Staying Put now has 180 households. They may lose 15 to 20 membership renewals, but are gaining 4 to 5 new members a month. They have \$230K in the bank and operating expenses are about \$170K a year. Carol will work on the membership committee and try to increase the number of scholarship members. Staying Put's 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration is this Sun. at St. Marks, at 2PM.

**4. Youth Services Sub Committee Report:** Lissa reported attending an NIAAA video conference on Alcohol and the Adolescent Brain. She also attended the LFCRAC quarterly meeting and saw a presentation by one of Bridgeport's successful high school coalitions.

**5. Human Services Sub Committee Report:** Carlyn reported the Food Pantry is currently running smoothly. Aggie has the numbers information on it.

**6. Health Sub Committee Report:** Lance reported that the 4 public service announcements ran in the Advertiser during Dec. He got some positive feedback on them from Jim and others.

**7. Old Business:** None

**8. New Business:**

**a. Approval of 2009-10 Budget Recommendations:** Jim handed out a summary of the budget committee's recap and explained that the Board of Selectmen has instructed them to have a zero increase. A motion was made to accept the budget recommendations and passed unanimously.

**b. Completion of 2008-9 HHSC Annual Reports:** subcommittee members are to help write these for publication by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> for the Bd. of Selectmen, Town Council and Bd. of Finance. In Feb. commission members will be reassigned to new subcommittees. Two new commission members are currently being vetted.

**c. Case Study:** Carol presented a case study on one of the current HHS clients.

**The next meeting is at 8:45 AM, Thursday, February 5, 2009 at Vine Cottage.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lissa Barker, Secretary

Approved 2/5/09