

Well-Being Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 6 2021

Members Present: Pam Follett, Liz Markiewicz, Al Murphy, Channing Wagg, Mary Pavlik, Rose Gage (Community Support Coordinator)

Others present: Kristina Rychik, Becky Neville, Gail Kessler-Walsh, Cindy Worthington-Berry

Meeting was held via Zoom due to ongoing COVID emergency. The meeting was called to order via roll call vote: Channing Wagg, aye, Mary Pavlik, aye; Al Murphy, aye; Liz Markiewicz, aye, Pam Follett, aye

1. Minutes from March 2021 were approved by roll call vote: Channing Wagg, aye, Mary Pavlik, aye; Al Murphy, aye; Liz Markiewicz, aye, Pam Follett, ay

2. A-B Cares Buy-Back program

Kristina Rychik presented the A-B Cares Safer Homes, Safer Community initiative, a gun buy back program that has been in the planning for over a year. The A-B Cares coalition, along with two local police chiefs and others in law enforcement support this initiative which buys back unwanted guns as a mental health, not a political effort. Gift cards will be traded for guns on May 15 from 9-12 at St Matthews church, outside. This buyback is not limited to the Acton-Boxborough community. Guns will be brought to the sheriff's office and destroyed. The Well-Being committee took a sense of the meeting vote, unanimously approved, to support and help sponsor the event. Channing Wagg, a member of A-B Cares, will report back, and an event summary will be created and shared.

3. Welcome and introductions to Rose Gage, new CSC for Boxborough, start date March 15

Rose was introduced and has already begun extensive work during this high need time. She is presently focusing on introducing herself and learning about the community, local resources, the BRAT program, and meeting residents. She has begun meeting with resident clients in need. It is already clear that she will need additional support. There is a need for clarification of present admin support with Cindy R and how the hours are distributed for COA and CSC. Rose will talk to Kim D and Cindy and report back.

4. Additional hours for administration support for CSC

Becky and Liz will explore using the 7 hours additional into 10 hours administrative, possibly 2 five hours days of full support to CSC.

4. Boxborough Bee- Mary and Liz can support and will meet with Rose. Liz will check on funding available.

5. Volunteer support//network use

Discussion about using volunteer support that has been evident in recent fire relief effort. Rose has experience in overseeing volunteer support and would like to have input into creation of logistics/plan for volunteers. Karen will also ask the United Way A-B about managing volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned via roll all vote:

Pam Follet, aye, Channing Wagg, aye, Mary Pavlik, aye; Al Murphy, aye; Liz Markiewicz, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pavlik