

***HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING***

TUESDAY,

June 11, 2013 at 8:30 AM

**Attendance:**

Commissioners: Lynn Goldberg, Bob Fatherley, Ed Horne, Dick Sallick

Staff: Barbara Butler, Pam Bass, Patty Haberstroh

Guests: Pippa Bell Adler, Westport Green Task Force

Yvonne Senturia

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting were accepted

**New Business:**

Patricia Bell Adler reported on activities of the Westport Green Task force to improve energy efficiency for town resources as well as residential possibilities. She noted that in the "Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge" Westport had the greatest reduction response of the fourteen communities involved. Work continues to sustain the effort to promote efficiency through energy audits over the summer and extension of loans to additional groups to improve efficiency.

**Old Business:**

Ed Horne reported that Jonathan Rose/Watermark's proposal was recommended to the First Selectman for the Baron's South Senior Living facility. He commented on the number of units, the inclusion of a memory care facility based on a "small house model", the justification for this and the number of units, the costs involved and their relation to the number of affordable units. He noted that all meetings had been open and that there was good RTM and BOF input. The Westport Early Childhood Collaborative grant is funded by United Way for services in Westport and Weston to demonstrate the need in the suburbs for child and family services. This will be a collaborative effort involving this department, the schools, and Child Guidance of Mid Fairfield, to provide intensive services to five families known to the department and recommended by schools.

There will be a Bus Study Open House in the auditorium here tomorrow to present the work done to integrate and promote services.

**Department Report:**

Patty Haberstroh reported on the Campership Program, beach sticker, hand pass and summer school provision, and Camp Jewel scholarships to our clients as well as ceremonies and celebrations. Funding sources include the Rotary, Westport Weston Foundation, Grace Salmon Fund and the PBA as well as the Y.

Barbara Butler reported on plans for and funding of a new department database and the work required designing the system, transfer data and train staff in its use. She also reported positively on progress in staff re-organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Sallick