

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - REVISION**

*TUESDAY, May 13, 2014*

### **Attendance:**

Commissioners: Lynn Goldberg, Bob Fatherley, Dick Sallick, Yvonne Senturia  
Judith Guthman, Robert Galan, Ed Horne, Laura Fishman

Staff: Barbara Butler, Sarah Heath

Guests: Jim Marpe, First Selectman, and Sal Liccione, Citizen's Transit Committee

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were approved.

### **New Business:**

**Lynn Goldberg** opened the meeting by thanking retiring commissioner **Judy Guthman** for her eight years of truly constructive service. Her work as skillful secretary and including active advocacy at town meetings, leadership in meeting transportation needs and constant generosity of spirit will all be missed.

She then introduced and welcomed **Yvonne Senturia** as a new member of the Commission.

**Jim Marpe, First Selectman**, spoke of the role and responsibilities of the Commission, highlighting advocacy for the vulnerable and expressed his support for our work. This led to discussion which included input regarding other "needy" groups such as single parents and communication with other advocates such as the RTM Health and Human Services Committee regarding plans and programs.

It was suggested that outside speakers may preempt time from our actual business and that the Department Report be moved up on the agenda.

### **Old Business:**

**The First Selectman is working with the developer on a memorandum of understanding. It is his intention to have a text amendment in place for the P and Z meeting to be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Department Report:**

**Sarah Heath** described the one day a week six week trial of the after school program for elementary aged kids at Hale's Court. It was begun successfully using some volunteer as well as staff time and attracting ten children. The Energy Assistance program served 260 applicants and depleted reserves despite 212 donations totaling \$31,000.

The Campership and Summer School program has to date registered 81 children.