

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*TUESDAY May 12, 2015*

### Attendance:

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

Staff: Barbara Butler, Sarah Heath, and Kristin Witt

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were approved.

### Announcements:

Lynn announced that after the June meeting her term as Chair of the Commission would be ending and also that Bob Fatherley would also be leaving to become a member of the Senior Services Commission.

### Guests:

Mariadora Saladino, Executive Director and Larry Weisman, co-chairman, Fairfield County Hospice described the development of this tax exempt facility and its present status. They emphasized a home-like atmosphere with provision of medical and nursing expertise and the vital need for their services.

### New Business:

#### Community response to Racist Flyer

The content of this flyer, its distribution and possible source were discussed at some length. A draft of "Joint Statement in response to Flyer Campaign" was also reviewed and a motion was made to endorse it. This was unanimously approved. Follow up will include a Community Conversation to be held next Sunday at the Westport Library with leadership from TEAM Westport.

### Old Business:

The Department FY 2015-16 Budget was approved and finalized as presented. Commission on People With Disabilities - work continues to garner community support as well as to form recommendations for the First Selectman regarding its composition and goals.

### Department Report:

The Energy Assistance Program has distributed funds from the State and Westport Warm Up to 235 Westport households this year.

AARP Tax Assistance Program - volunteers assisted in the preparation of 481 state and federal tax returns, the vast majority low and moderate income Westporters.

Youth Volunteer Celebration will be held at Compo Beach on June 4th.

CSA Enhancement Planning Committee will be chaired by Avi Kaner to address this as well as look for new senior housing opportunities. Expansion of the CSA will require a special permit or zoning change. Holly Betts, Program Manager will gather data to backup need for expansion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Sallick