

**Town of Barnstable
Human Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

Names in BOLD indicate action items.

Present:

Scott Fitzgerald (chair), Charlie Hetzel, Heidi Nelson and Stacie Peugh (members), Heather Strassel

Absent:

Jen Cullum, Town Council Liaison, Meaghan Mort

Guests:

Order:

The meeting came to order at 5:20 p.m.

New Member

We welcomed Heather Strassel, our newest committee member. Heather grew up in Cotuit, and now works in Boston at Pine Street Inn. She is studying to receive her Master's in Public Administration at Suffolk University. Currently her community service includes membership on the Wellness Committee at PSI, and a committee on mental health for Bay Cove.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 20, 2016 and October 11, 2016 meetings were approved as written.

Housing Discussion

At our last meeting Meaghan had offered to invite Scott Fitzmaurice of Thrive to speak to our group, but neither Meaghan nor Scott attended. We will invite him again at a later time.

Committee Next Steps

Scott Fitzgerald repeated that he is seeking meaningful initiatives for the committee's attending. Stacie shared that the Cape Cod Healthcare Community Health Needs Assessment has been released and suggested that the committee review the report to look for projects, and focus on the part of the report regarding the Town of Barnstable. Stacie sits on the CCHC Community Benefits Committee. Scott sent out the link to the report via e-mail to the committee members.

Update on Homelessness Issues

The management of the NOAH shelter transitioned on November 1, and it has been renamed St. Joseph's House. The Town Council Homeless Committee continues to meet. There are changes in management of community housing for persons leaving the correctional system.

Future Agenda Items

Charlie suggested that we should have someone from the court system come to speak to the committee at a future meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heidi Nelson", followed by a horizontal flourish.

Heidi Nelson
Duffy Health Center and Secretary to Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.