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Town of Richmond Wellness Committee
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022 | 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Pamela A. Rohland (Chair), Thea Brennan (Vice Chair), Daniel Fitzgerald (Clerk), Gary W. Kowalewski, Julie Leusner, Jessica Wolke, Chief Elwood M. Johnson, Jr., and Alison Croke.

Excused: Dr. Robert W. Harrison Jr, Dennis McGinity, and Laura Kenyon

Invited Guest: Robert Robillard, Director of Coventry

1. Call to Order

- Pamela Rohland called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Moment of Silence

- Pamela Rohland led the moment of silence

4. Roll Call

5. Old Business - Approval of February 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Gary Kowalewski made a motion to approve the February 2, 2022 Meetings Minutes. Julie Leusner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. New Business

- Wellness Committee Membership:
 - The Richmond Town Council accepted Adrienne's request to step down from the Committee. Dennis McGinity was appointed as a new member of the Richmond Wellness Committee.
- Presentation from Robert Robillard Director of Coventry Human Services Department.
 - [Click here](#) to view presentation slides that provide an overview about the Coventry Community Center and the work of the Coventry Department of Human Services.
 - Committee Members asked a variety of questions related to funding mechanisms and utilization of programs. Director Robillard informed the committee of the following funding streams:
 - Municipal Budget to Support Department of Human Services is approximately \$700,000
 - Developmental Disabilities Services - BHDDH licenses and reimbursements

- RI Office of Healthy Aging - per capita based grant
- RI Department of Health - health and wellness grants
- Foundation funds and other basic human needs grants
- Building of the new building:
 - \$12,000,000 bond that funded the configuration of the previous elementary school into the current Community Center. Roughly 40% of the building is utilized by the Human Services Department.
- Partnerships and Collaborative Process
 - All Coventry Municipal Departments collaboration to support this work
 - Community and Regional Substance Use Prevention Services
 - Health Center and Community Action Program
- Thea Brennan asked Chief Johnson if the Town has a Juvenile Hearing Board. Hopkinton and Charlestown do, Richmond does not. Richmond Police Department does staff the Chariho School Resource Officer.
- The Committee thanked Director Robillard for his time.

7. Adjournment

- Elwood Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59. Thea Brennan seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Next Meetings:
 - March 3, 2022 at 6pm and March 16, 2022 at 6pm