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MINUTES Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Present: Mary Deyst, chair; Jeannette Mills, vice chair; Dorothy Williams; Donna Dolan; Carlene Newell; Jack Bowler; Cindy Sheridan; Larry Greco; Elaine Shea; Gene Lucarelli; Patsy Kraemer, ex officio; Elizabeth Oppedisano, ex officio; Dave McKenna, ex officio.
Absent: Joan Robbio

Guests: Brian Sullivan, Town Manager; Jessica Kirkpatrick, graduate intern; Jennifer Tucker, graduate intern.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Brian Sullivan, Town Manager, was introduced to the group. He gave the Board a briefing on his plans for the transition of leadership upon Patsy's retirement in June. He is thinking about restructuring the Human Services Department with the possibility that recreation may not stay within the Department. The other divisions would remain in the department and someone new would be named to be the director. AYCC would continue to function as it does now. The Town Manager said that the process for recruiting a new director would begin soon. He is open to developing a screening committee for the new director to help in the process.

The graduate interns attending the meeting were introduced. They will be available to help work on the Emergency Fuel Assistance Program as part of their graduate work at AYCC.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved, moved by Jack and seconded by Dorothy.

Jack Bowler apprised the Board of his work to-date on the Emergency Assistance Program. He met with the Selectmen on the previous evening to introduce the fundraising campaign to the community. At that meeting two donations of \$5,000 each were presented to the Board. He has already raised \$17,000. He presented a draft letter to the Board for approval. The letter would be used in the community-wide fundraising campaign. The Board voted unanimously to approve the letter. These letters will be mailed in early December. The Board agreed to devote the next meeting in early December as a working meeting to get this community mailing done. That meeting will be on Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 pm. A light supper will be provided.

Jack also suggested a campaign for the post-holiday period, such as "help Your Neighbor Awareness" month. His goal is to raise \$100,000.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.