

Wenham Issues of Social Service and Housing (WISSH)
Board Meeting
October 6, 2009
8:00am

Board Members Present: Pat Purdy, Susan Carp, Don Killam, Tom Tanous, Cal Perkins, Jane Pedersen, and Sue Harnish. Town Liaison, Trudy Reid was also present

The meeting began at 8am.

Minutes of the previous meeting in May, 2009 were approved.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Since the last board meeting in May 2008, there were 3 new requests. Each request was for \$500.
2. Chairperson Pat Purdy received communication from Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator that the Wenham Housing Trust board has been formed allowing for the transfer of the "housing" portion of WISSH. Discussion ensued among the board as to consider a name change. In lieu of a name change, the board has unanimously agreed to retain the acronym of WISSH while replacing the word "Housing" for the H, with the word "Help". The new WISSH would be the Wenham Issues in Social Services Help. The formality of name change as well as the need to change and amend the by-laws will be reviewed and discussed with the Selectpersons.
3. The board agrees that fundraising will still be postponed given the economic climate and the need for other, less funded, local non-profits to receive charitable contributions from our community. This will be an on-going evaluation process depending on the balances that we carry in the WISSH grant fund.
4. Please note the following meeting dates for the remainder of the FY:
 - Tuesday, November 3, 2009 @ 8am (Susan Carp will Chair in Pat Purdy's absence)
 - Tuesday, December 1, 2009 @ 8am
 - Tuesday, February 2, 2010 @ 8am
 - Tuesday, April 6, 2010 @ 8am

If the Chairperson or board deems additional meetings are necessary, proper notification will be given.

5. Pat Purdy has requested we give some thought to expanding the board. Please keep this in mind and advise Pat if you have someone interested.
6. WISSH balance was not available at the time of the meeting due to personnel changes at Town Hall. This balance will be available by the next scheduled meeting in November, 2009

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50am. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 3, 2009 @ 8am.

Submitted by Susan Carp, Secretary

