

Town of Boxborough
Well-Being Committee
Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2014

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am.

Attendees:

Liz Markiewicz, **Chair**

Kate Smyers, Susie Allen, Channing Wagg, **Members-at-Large**

Tamara Bedard, **Nashoba Nursing Services**

Cindy Worthington-Berry, **Pastor UCCB**

Gail Kessler-Walsh, **Guidance Counselor Blanchard School**

Jim Gorman, **Selectman**

Warren Ryder, **Police Chief**

Selina Shaw, **Town Administrator**

Lauren Abraham, **Community Services Coordinator**

Also present: Swan Anderson and Diane Ford, **BERC**

Absent: Laura Arsenault, Al Murphy, Randy White

1. Minutes from the October 15 meeting were approved
2. Swan Anderson, chair of Boxborough Emergency Reserve Corps (BERC) and Diane Ford, BERC member addressed the committee. Swan detailed the role BERC plays in responding to emergencies: power outages, heat waves, flu pandemics. She handed out a "Readiness Kit" that the Corps had put together for residents to help them prepare for emergencies. Swans said how helpful Denise Monteiro has been to her in helping organize materials and other tasks. Swan informed the committee that she would be leaving Boxborough and would be resigning from BERC. She asked the committee to spread the word that BERC is in need of new leadership. Selina suggested that Swan write a blurb for us to be able to forward to other boards, post on the town website and send to the Beacon.
3. Liz introduced Lauren Abraham, the new Community Services Coordinator. Lauren gave the committee a brief overview of her background. She talked about her hours and handed out an itemized list of things that she was going to use to develop an intake form for each client.
4. The committee talked about possible reasons they might refer someone to Lauren. Lauren enquired about the availability of translators. Tamara mentioned that the Nashoba BOH has interpreter services that could be available.
5. The committee talked about the importance of collecting data for Town Meeting.
6. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, December 16, at 8:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

Elizabeth Markiewicz, Chair _____ **Date** _____