

Boxborough Well-Being Committee
Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2013

Attendees: Cindy Worthington-Berry, Susie Allen, Channing Wagg, Selina Shaw, Jim Gorman, Kate Smyers, Warren Ryder, Liz Markiewicz

Not present: Randy White, Gail Walsh, Tamara Bedard

The mission of the committee was discussed. It was agreed that the mission statement should be updated. Liz and Channing agreed to draft a statement to be discussed the next meeting. It was noted that the Well Being Committee was in its third year and that it should be made an official committee appointed by the BOS. It was also agreed that we should reach out to the BOH, the COA and the FinCom to designate ex officio members. It was also suggested to try to find a parent with children in the school system. Liz and Channing were chosen to be co-chairs of the committee.

Liz reviewed the "Access to Social Services" proposal to pay Laura Ducharme, the Acton Social Worker, to provide services to Boxborough residents. There was general agreement that it was worth pursuing. There were questions as to what Harvard, Littleton and Stow were doing and whether they had similar committees in place. There was a question about who Laura Ducharme reported to.

There was agreement to pursue the proposal further while gathering more information to support the recommendation.

Next Steps:

1. Contact the BOH, COA and FinCom to designate an ex officio representative to the committee (Liz)
2. Gather information on what Littleton, Harvard and Stow are doing in this area (Liz and others)
3. Approach Acton on whether they would be interested in pursuing the idea (Selina)
4. Gather other relevant data to support recommendation (Channing)

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Next meeting: October 16, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Markiewicz