

Boxborough Well-Being Committee  
Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2014  
The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A. M.

Attendees

Rev. Susie Allen, Laura Arsenault, Gail Kessler-Walsh, Liz Markiewicz, Chief Warren Ryder, Chief, Randolph White, Selina Shaw, Kate Smyers, Channing Wagg

Chair: Elizabeth Markiewicz

Secretary: Channing Wagg

Items distributed

1. Boxborough Police Department Selected Incidents list

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Warrant Article for Town Social Worker.
  - a. Liz Markiewicz opened a discussion about various aspects of the proposed social worker's role and the elements and emphasis pertaining to the presentation of the warrant article authorizing the position and its funding at the up-coming spring Annual Town Meeting.
  - b. There ensued a discussion of the above and Chief Ryder offered a template consisting of:
    - i. Where we were,
    - ii. Where we are now.
    - iii. A demonstration of where we need to be and why.
      1. Needs of children and elders.
  - c. Channing Wagg offered to provide a history for the use of the person who would present the article on behalf of the Well-Being Committee.
  - d. The point was made that children are referred to the Acton Social Worker but that we are concerned with the families of Boxborough children,
    - i. There was further discussion on this point with Gail Kessler-Welch emphasizing that she only works on the needs of the children with whom she counsels not their family members.
    - ii. Rev. Allen pointed out that the local pastor was not charged with this responsibility and that the churches are overwhelmed with requests for help.
2. It was decided that the Committee would make an informational presentation to the Board of Selectmen on March 17 and would further discuss the topic of a town social worker at its own next scheduled meeting on March 12.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Channing Wagg