



**Human Services Committee**  
**367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA**  
**September 17, 2024**  
**5:30pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. BUSINESS**

**A. Roll Call:** Chair Cheryl Powell took roll call: The Governor’s office protocol for remote participation due to Covid restrictions is no longer in effect therefore this meeting was held in the Selectmen’s Conference Room.

**Members present:** Cheryl Powell (Chair); Suzanne Welch, Wendy Crocker and Sheree Kay (Missi)

**Members absent:** Rep. Steven Xiarhos and Kimberly Crocker-Crowther

**I. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Roll Call
- Discuss report to be given to Town Council
- Approval of July 2024 and August 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Information gathering and cataloging
- Roles and reports
- Guest speaker (s) and planning
- Public Comment
- Other items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair
- Adjourn

Chair of Committee Cheryl Powell opened the meeting at 5:50pm and did a Roll Call of members present. (See above) The meeting began with a confirmation of quorum and instructions for participation.

Chair of Committee started the meeting by announcing “In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws informed that the meeting would be replayed on Xfinity Channel 8 and HD Channel 107”. It was also mentioned that the meeting would be accessible on the government access channel and video on demand archives on the Town of Barnstable website.

Chair of Committee stated that the agenda item “report to be given to the Town Council” is still being prepared. Approval of the July and August Meeting minutes was continued as not all Committee members have had an opportunity to review them. They will be placed on the October meeting agenda for approval along with the September minutes. The update on “information gathering” is as follows: Committee member Welch volunteered to interface with the Police Department and the Senior Center regarding firearm safety. Chair Powell and Committee member Crocker-Crowther are updating the 2015 Service Provider Directory resource listing for assistance with crime, housing, mental health, homelessness and addiction issues. Committee member Crocker stated that the Town of Falmouth has a

current resource booklet, and it may be beneficial to use that as a starting point for updating a parallel version for Barnstable. Committee member Welch suggested including information re: the Alzheimer's Center located at the Cape Cod Mall. Committee member Crocker requested clarification re: the standing Committee meeting date. This meeting was moved to 9/17/2024 as attaining quorum was a concern. Moving forward, the scheduled Human Services Committee meeting will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Independence House, Cape Cod's leading domestic and sexual violence emergency housing resource, will be hosting an event which Committee member Welch volunteered to attend and help promote awareness of the Human Services Committee existence and purpose.

As there was no public comment a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM was made by Wendy Crocker and seconded by Suzanne Welch.

**Next Meeting: October 8, 2024**

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