Community for Care

Special Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2016

Call to Order:

Cheryl Cook, Selectman and Co-Chair of the Community for Care Committee called the meeting to order at 5:17pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. The meeting was held in the Wagner Room of the Simsbury Public Library. Also in attendance were Woody Eddins, Jr., pastor and Co-Chair of the Community for Care Committee; Sue Homrok-Lemke, Assistant Superintendent ; Mickey Lecours-Beck, director of Social Services; Lt. Fred Sifodaskalakis, Simsbury Police Department; Andrew O’Brien, Principal, Simsbury High School, David Krayeski, Becky Rosenthal, Thomas Steen, Karen Gallagher, Judy Sturgis, Edward LaMontagne, Heather Mudano, Marc Lehman, and Akash Kaza were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance:

There was no flag available in the room therefore there was no recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Audience:

No one spoke in public audience.

New Business:

1. Andrew O’Brien, Principal of Simsbury High School, introduced Akash Kaza to the committee and recommended that he be added to the committee. Akash is a Junior at Simsbury High School and very interested in becoming involved in the community. He is very involved in a variety of activities at SHS and a good student. Ms. Homrock-Lemke praised his qualifications and willingness to be involved with the committee. Akash addressed the committee briefly and was welcomed by the group. Ms. Cook agreed to present Mr. Kaza to the Board of Selectman for appointment to the Committee.
2. Discussion of the content and publicity of the upcoming programs to be presented by the Community for Care. The Committee discussed the program to be presented on February 24th, 2016, as well as additional programs to be held on April 6th, June 8th and September 14th. The committee discussed at length the format of the program scheduled for February 24, 2016, the panelists, and the content. The committee agreed to a working title for the program: Discovering better options: The impact of drugs on youth and young adults. Marc Lehman will lead the presentation and several committee members volunteered to participate or assist with the preparation. There was discussion about the Tall Cop Program to be presented at SHS to both students and parents and how the committee’s presentation compliments that information.

Next meeting: February 24, 2016

Adjournment: Ms. Cook made a motion to Adjourn at 6:20pm. Ms. Homrock Lemke seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Cook

Co-Chair