

Coalition for a Better Wallingford

Meeting Minutes February 23, 2023

Attendees: Natalie Mallma, Christina Barber, Ken Welch, Mandy Miranda, Tony Loomis, Mary Mushinsky, Marion Gracie, Rob Newton, Molly Whitehouse.

Meeting was called to order by Natalie at 6:32pm

Minutes were recapped by Natalie and were motioned for approval by Tony Loomis and seconded by Christina Barber.

Molly Whithouse – Road race: Molly shared that in Coalition with friends and family that they are planning on holding a five K in June and would like to donate the proceeds to the Coalition in honor of their late friend.

School Dance/ Bingo – Natalie Mallma shared that the PTA for the school dance at the Rec center requested a case of water to be donated like we had previously. We discussed having a table at the event with a volunteer with brochures. New Rock Hill school PTA reached out about donating a raffle basket for their Bingo night (also discussed having a volunteer attend with a table and brochures) on March 7th.

Garden Market – Natalie Mallma shared the dates for the farmers market and the signup sheet for participation.

Narcan Training and supply update. – Natalie Mallma shared that the Coalition had reached out to Nicole Mason from Alliance prevention in North Haven to schedule Narcan Training. Natalie shared that the Coalition does not have a supply of Narcan.

DEA Takeback – Natalie Mallma shared that the national date of takeback and the Wallingford PD would be two separate weekends. Waiting on confirmation from Wallingford PD. Volunteers needed for this event!

2024 Grant Updates:

ARPA - grant submitted, awaiting decision, ask from providers for additional paperwork

Rotary Grant - waiting on the portal for submission -previously used funds for “What’s in the bag”

DFC Grant - Ken asked for a volunteer to take over, he does not have the time to dedicate to the grant.



Wallingford Public School - Update

Tony advised he spoke to the superintendent again, she requested copies of our new brochures to approve them to be used at school events.

YSS – Update – Mandy Miranda

The Youth diversion program has launched, Mandy shared that she was spending the week training the Police officers on the new program and procedures.

Legislative Updates - Mary Mushinsky

Mary encouraged Ken to testify in bills especially about Marijuana. Mary reminded us about the online portal and zoom option.

New Director Search

Still searching and discussing process, If we are not getting the money from the DFC grant that changes their approach.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

