

NHLWAA
Board of Directors Meeting
3/21/24

Board Members in Attendance: BJ Parker, Trish Caruso, Todd Marsh, Bob Mack, Natalie Darcy, Lynne Goodwin, David Balian, Pat Murphy, and Charleen Michaud.

Minutes: Submitted by Natalie Darcy

The Board of Directors meeting called to order at 9:34am

1. **Minutes for board meeting 2/12/24:** Motion to accept meeting minutes by Lynne and seconded by BJ. Pat and Charleen abstained from the vote.
2. **Minutes for special meeting on 2/15/24:** Motion to accept meeting minutes by BJ and seconded by Lynne. Pat and Charleen abstained from the vote.
3. **Treasurers Report:** Reviewed balances. Charleen will provide the official report at the next meeting.

President's Report:

1. Todd continues to interact with other municipalities.
2. Agency provider engagements (Waypoint Training)
3. Discussed doing a PowerPoint presentation for Welfare 101 (possible training committee)?
4. Article in Manchester Inkling.
5. A press release in the Town & City will be seen to show the Association is involved in planning a way forward. The article is targeted toward bosses.
6. Updated RSA 165; SB110 change.
 - a. Discussion about domestic violence between the town providing assistance and municipality of origin
 - b. Todd acknowledged concerns and will be sensitive/flexible in the language used. The letter is still in draft form.
 - c. Town absorbing the cost of assistance. How does a welfare director get around calling the Town of origin without disclosing location of the victim.
7. Discussion about a "Decision Tree" based on SB110 when deciding whether to charge the town of origin.
8. Todd will work on language and practice. Bob suggested making it part of the June workshop.

Committee Reports:

1. **Legislative Affairs Committee:**
 - a. Amended HB 406. Bill went to committee and was amended to reroute money directly to shelters. The committee passed 2.5 million to existing shelters. The mayors of 13 cities got involved in the legislation.
2. **Training Committee:**
 - a. Training committee will meet on April 5, 2024 to discuss upcoming training material for the rest of the year.
 - b. Need to get a date change out for the June Conference.
 - c. Training in April will feature speakers from DHHS.

3. **Survey Ad Hoc Committee:** Lynne is trying to get the survey ready by the April meeting.
4. **SB 110 Standard Practice Ad Hoc Committee:**
 - a. During the Art of Welfare ask Steve Buckley to discuss SB 110 and different circumstances when it is used.
5. **Nomination Committee:**
 - a. **Valerie More** resigned from the NHLWAA Board of Directors.
 - b. **Ellen Tully** will resign at the end of June. Need a letter of resignation from Ellen.
 - c. **Renee Wheaton** – Remove from consideration as she is not a welfare director.
 - d. **Angela** recommended returning to the board of directors – Pat recommended.
6. **Financial Oversight Committee:** Keep up the good work.
7. **Other Business:**
 - a. Todd will send out a **constant contact** to recruit board members.
 - b. **NHMA workshop** will be held on October 30 – 31, 2024.
 - c. **The Committee on Aging** wants to do a training on Warming Shelters.

Adjournment: 11:15 am.

Submitted by,

Natalie Darcy