

**Wenham Issues of Social Service and Help (WISSH)
Board Meeting
April 8, 2010**

Board Members Present: Patricia Purdy, Jane Pedersen, Tom Tanous, Sue Harnish, Don Luxton, Linda Rich, Melanie D'Orio

Town Liaison: Trudy Reid

Minutes of the previous meeting of February 2, 2010 were approved with one amendment, the date of the next meeting should have read April 6, not Feb. 2.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. The board recognized Linda Rich and Melanie D'Orio as official board members.
2. Chair, Patricia Purdy secured signatures for a February 2010 request.
3. The WISSH account balance is \$30,686.46. Case #26110 in the amount of \$500 was approved.
4. Tom Tanous will replace Susan Bannon as the Senior Care appointee from the WISSH board.
5. The By-Laws, which have been approved by the town, were passed out at the meeting.
6. The three committee members whose terms are up this year are Patricia Purdy, Jane Pedersen, and Don Killam. The board was in favor of reappointing them to new terms ending in 2013.
7. Pat recommended that in the future the vice-chairman work with the chairman for one year in anticipation of moving into the chairman's role. This arrangement will give the vice-chairman experience working closely with the chairman.
8. The board was reminded about the conditions for changing meeting dates. To change a meeting date, the new date must be posted with the town 3 days prior to (not to include Sundays and holidays) the new date. If an emergency meeting is needed, the posting must state that it is an emergency meeting.
9. At the June 1 meeting the board will set the meeting dates for 2010-2011, as well as vote on the committee assignments.
10. The WISSH board could use several more members, and Pat urged board members to come up with suggestions.
11. Board members were reminded to be very discrete regarding the information of those applying for help.

Don Luxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tom Tanous 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Our next meeting will be on June 1, 2010.

Submitted by Jane Pedersen, Board