

WENHAM ISSUES OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND HELP
BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2010
8:30AM

PRESENT: Susan Carp, Pat Purdy, Cal Perkins, Linda Rich, Don Luxton, Sue Harnish, Maureen Whitman, Melanie D'Orio, Maribeth Ting, Jane Pedersen, Trudy Reid, Don Killam, Tom Tanous

1. Pat Purdy welcomed new board members, Trudy Reid, Maribeth Ting, and Maureen Whitman.
2. The following files were approved for disbursement: 266-10/\$221.00, 267-10/\$232.59, \$229.51, & \$35.00, 268-10/\$500, 269-10/\$500, and 270-10/\$500.
3. Melanie D'Orio accepted the challenge and appointment of Co-Chair. Melanie will work with current chair Pat Purdy to learn the ropes
4. Meeting dates for the remainder of the Fiscal Year will be as follows: November 9, 2010, April 5, 2011, and June 7, 2011. Agenda will be prepared by the Chair and Co-Chair
5. Financials were discussed. The balance ending September 30, 2010 was \$27,488.66
6. During a previous meeting the board had approved the Chair to seek approval from the Town Accountant to secure food gift cards to issue for emergencies. This has been approved by the Finance Department. Once purchased the gift cards will be maintained under control at the Finance Department
7. WISSH would like to acknowledge a \$600 gift from Wenham Village Improvement Society to assist us in meeting the needs of residents of Wenham in financial distress.
8. Chair Pat Purdy advised that new board members need to complete the State Ethics Commission "test". All need to comply.
9. Our current annual disbursement (rolling 12 months) is set at \$500. Chair Pat Purdy asked board members to think about raising this amount. Board members should bring their thoughts to the next meeting.
10. There was discussion on how to advertise the WISSH committee. Our brochure is out of date and we need to work on that. Board member Trudy Reid will forward a copy that she was working on last year.

With all business complete, a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Tanous. Trudy Reid seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am

Submitted by Susan Carp, Secretary