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Town of Richmond Wellness Committee
Richmond Town Hall
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16, 2022 | 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Pamela A. Rohland (Chair), Thea Brennan (Vice Chair), Alison Croke (Deputy Clerk), Julie Leusner, Jessica Wolke, Jr., Dr. Robert W. Harrison Jr, Dennis McGinity, Laura Kenyon, and Gary W. Kowalewski

Excused: Daniel Fitzgerald (Clerk), Chief Elwood M. Johnson
Citizens present: Deb and Lindsay Tanner from SRI Volunteers organization, unnamed citizen.

1. Call to Order

- Pamela Rohland called the meeting to order at 6 pm

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Moment of Silence - Dedicated by Pamela Rohland to the conflict in Ukraine.

4. Roll Call

5. Old Business - Approval of March 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Thea Brennan made a motion to approve the March 3, 2022 Meetings Minutes. Rob Harrison seconded the motion. Gary Kowalewski abstained. All others were in favor.

6. New Business

- Review, discuss, and recommend edits to Draft Two: Town of Richmond Wellness Committee Report of Findings and Recommendations.
 - Several edit suggestions were provided directly to the chair prior to the meeting, so we are reviewing Draft 3. Print-outs were made available.
 - Some public comments and questions were received, in particular from Southern RI Volunteers.
 - The draft was edited to clarify several details regarding priorities previously discussed, the intention of a full-time HS Director
 - Julie Leusener moved and Jessica Wolke seconded to approve the final version of the report. All were in favor.
- Discuss Wellness Committee Presentation to the Town Council.
 - Rob Harrison suggested that Pamela, Dan and Chief present the committee's findings in the report and priorities/recommendations, with Allison Croke and other members present to address questions and technical provider issues.

- Allison will prepare a five slide power-point presentation. Dan, Pamela and Chief will discuss logistics of the presentation prior to meeting with the Town Council.
- We are planning tentatively to present at the next Town Council meeting on April 19, 2022.
- Pamela requested as many Wellness Committee members as possible to be present for the report to the Town Council.
- There was some discussion about possible salary ranges and operating expenses for the first FY 2023.
- Pamela will create a final version of the report that will be sent to the Town Clerk for inclusion with the Town Council Agenda on April 19.

7. Adjournment

- Robert Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Jessica Wolke and Thea Brennan seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Next Meeting:
 - Town Council Meeting - Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6 pm. (to be confirmed)
 - Future Wellness Committee meetings to be determined, depending on questions/directions from the Town Council.