

WORCESTER SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES – MEETING 1 -- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016 5:30 PM

at Bill Haines' home; 339 Elmore Road, Worcester

In attendance: Stewart Clark, Bill Haines, Myles Chater, Christina Goodwin

1. Committee organization:

Elect chairperson(s): Stewart Clark nominated. MTN: Haines/Goodwin (Passed)

Elect a secretary: Christina Goodwin nominated. MTN: Clark/Chater (Passed)

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2. Additions to agenda not anticipated before meeting: None

3. Welcome Myles Chater! Overview of past practice provided by Stewart.

4. Review materials:

- Insert in Town Report has been well-received. Format/content will stay the same. Bill will continue preparing the document.
- Reviewed policy.
- Reviewed application and scoring document
- Reviewed materials to be sent by the town
- Overview of timeline
- Updated wording in #7 of the evaluation criteria, striking the word “protect and preserve” and replacing it with “support” MTN: Clark/Haines (Passed)

6. Identify issues requiring discussion with Worcester Selectboard

- Discussed funding limits. Stewart is researching how funding limits are set (and if they are set) by Selectboards of other towns using a Social Concerns Committee. Stew is contacting E. Montpelier, Plainfield, Middlesex, and Calais.
- Using the above research in addition to points made during discussion, Bill will draft a letter to the Selectboard.

7. Set next meeting: October 6, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm at Bill Haines' home.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm

Minutes by Christina Goodwin