

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 28, 2023**

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A meeting of the Human Services Committee was held on Monday, August 28, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair, Sarah Gallagher.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sarah Gallagher, Chair; Adrian Webber Vice-Chair; Laurie Sweet; Katie Kiely; Betty Wetmore

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cory O'Brien, Bob Anthony

**Public Input:** None

The following items were addressed:

**1. Appointment of Allen Lowe to the Arts Commission for a term to expire May 31, 2026 (D-5)**

--Moved by Ms. Kiely and seconded by Ms. Sweet

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

**2. Order to accept and expend a \$249,948 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services – National Leadership Grant and authorization to enter any agreement for such funds – Hamden Public Library**

--Moved by Ms. Kiely and seconded by Ms. Wetmore **DISCUSSION:** Library Director Ms. Canham - Clyne explained this is a grant to help develop regionalization of digital navigation. Hamden would act as a hub and provide guidance to other libraries on how to develop a digital navigation program. It is a 24 month grant. Ms. Gallagher asked if this is a one- time grant. Ms. Canham-Clyne said yes.

Ms. Wetmore said she thinks this is a great idea. She asked what "cost-share" means. Ms. Canham-Clyne said each municipality shares some of the cost. Ms. Wetmore said so this doesn't cost Hamden anything? Ms. Canham-Clyne said no. Ms. Wetmore asked if there are salaries involved. Ms. Canham-Clyne said there is a salary for the Project Coordinator and three Digital Navigators with special language skills. The grant pays for these salaries. Ms. Wetmore asked if we would have to pick up the cost after two years. Ms. Canham-Clyne said it would be over.

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

### **3. Order approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a License Agreement between the Town of Hamden and American Red Cross**

--Moved by Ms. Sweet and seconded by Ms. Wetmore DISCUSSION: Mr. Grace explained this would allow town employees and certain volunteers who are Red Cross certified instructors to offer instructions in those roles. Ms. Wetmore asked does the town pay the cost or the person taking the training? Mr. Grace said in some cases this might be instruction for CERT members and camp counselors in which case, the town would pay. Ms. Wetmore asked about employees. Ms. Gruen explained that this agreement is a License Agreement so that we can use the Red Cross products for any training the town undertakes. There would be a cost for any materials purchased from the Red Cross. There is no cost for the License, but we would be required to use their materials. There is a shortage of Lifeguards. We are hoping to train Lifeguards and retain some of them.

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk  
Rose Lion, Assistant  
for Sarah Gallagher, Chair