

DRUG TASK FORCE
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Planning Office, Hearing Room 1 – 2nd Floor, Marshfield Town Hall

Meeting Attendees: Tom Sullivan, Julie Keohane, Tricia Bolger, Bud Cipullo, Cara Contos, Al Driscoll, Don Reagan, Meg Broughton, Mimi Walker (WATD)

The DTF meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Motion (TS) to open the meeting was made seconded by (JK), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to commence the meeting was unanimous.

The overall agenda for this meeting was condensed due to the absence of many DTF members who were pulled into other, rescheduled Town meetings that conflicted with the DTF Meeting. This conflict was due to a system-wide error in the implementation of a new Town website, that led to cancelled meetings on both Monday and Tuesday night, and subsequent rescheduled meetings on Wednesday night. Motion (TS) to condense the agenda was made seconded by (JK), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to condense was unanimous.

We began with a Fire Dept. update, led by Bud Cipullo. We were informed of two recent overdoses since our last meeting. Both instances were females and both had positive outcomes. One instance was approx. 24 hours prior to the meeting and involved a woman who was driven to the South River Fire Department by her friends. She refused treatment and was therefore arrested, and sent to the hospital for treatment.

There was also brief discussion about the alcohol problem in town – it is considered to be the biggest issue in town. There are about 15 incidents a month related to drunk driving, which equates to approx. one incident every other day.

Upon the conclusion of the Fire update, we proceeded to review of last month's meeting notes, which were read aloud to the group by the DTF Secretary. Motion (TB) to approve the meeting minutes from January was made seconded by (TS), made third by (JK), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to approve the meeting minutes was unanimous.

The group next discussed the \$1,910.00 in donations received from The Manny Lopes Family Foundation. There are more donations expected. The Selectman's Office is able to set up proper protocol (bank account, etc.) for receiving donations/funds. Motion (TB) for the Selectman's Office to receive and manage all funds was seconded by (TS), made third by (JK), and made fourth by (MB). The vote for the Selectman's office to manage donations and funds was unanimous. In order to initiate this, TS is to draft a letter to the Selectman's Office to ask for their office to accept our donations. Motion (TS) to draft a letter to the Selectman's Office to ask for their office to accept our donations was made seconded by (JK), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote was unanimous.

Next was a discussion around how to best utilize the donations/funds received. Motion (TB) for the DTF to vote on how to spend the funds was made seconded by (JK), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to was unanimous.

There was general consensus that the DTF was set up to support the existence of other substance abuse groups, and that our funds would be best utilized by sponsoring events and initiatives related to substance abuse awareness, education, prevention, and support groups. Motion (TS) for our funds to be used towards sponsoring events and initiatives related to substance abuse awareness, education, prevention, and support groups was made seconded by (JK), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to was unanimous.

There were some basic parameters put in place related to the funds, primarily that:

- Donations can only be received in check or money order only. No cash is accepted.
- the monies could go towards charities and sponsoring/co-sponsoring substance abuse-related events.
- the monies cannot be used towards funding one person's efforts into treatment (rehab, etc.) as there is no guarantee we can do this for everyone and would put the Town of Marshfield into a dangerous predicament if we helped one person and not another.
- If we are asked for financial support in a person's attempt at treatment, we can recommend other charities that are not affiliated with the Town of Marshfield.

Motion (TB) for the DTF to vote on the parameters related to the DTF funds received was seconded by (JK), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to was unanimous.

JK then discussed two upcoming events that could be potential targets for the DTF to sponsor. The first event is **Grad Night Live**, an annual, sober event put on for High School Seniors. This event is themed differently each year and runs late into the evening/early morning hours. This event (Date is TBD, as is sponsorship amount) is intended to be a healthy alternative for kids (instead of parties involving drugs/alcohol). JK asked if the DTF would be interested in volunteering to chaperone one of the 2-3 hour shift and/or if we would be interested in sponsoring the event. There was interest in both options. Motion (JK) for the DTF sponsor Grad Night Live was seconded by (TS), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to was unanimous.

The second event is a **Comedy Night to Benefit Twloha** (To Write Love on Her Arms), on April 29th at Marshfield Elks. Twloha is a non-profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury, and suicide. TWLOHA exists to encourage, inform, inspire, and also to invest directly into treatment and recovery. Sponsorship cost is approx. \$250.00. Motion (JK) for the DTF sponsor the Comedy Night to Benefit Twloha was seconded by (TS), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to was unanimous.

There was then a review of the draft sample of the Rack Cards intended for public town bathrooms (gas stations, coffee shops, etc.). As this is in draft form, there was no vote. This will be further discussed in the March meeting.


NEVER GIVE UP HOPE!

There *IS* help for Substance Abuse and Addiction

If you are battling with Substance Abuse and Addiction, then please know that *help is available and recovery is possible!*

Your life is worth a fighting chance and recovery *can* happen. A partial list of area detoxes and support systems can be found on the back of this card.

Don't Live On the Ropes. *Knockout Addiction* by having hope and getting help.




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The Manny Lopas Family Foundation

Area Detox Facilities

Mclean Hospital (800) 333-6338
BPHC (617) 534-5554
CAB Boston Treatment Center (800) 763-5363
DIMOCK (617) 442-8800x1312
Habit Management (617) 442-1499
Addiction Treatment Center of New England (617) 254-1271x126
CARITAS-SFMC (617) 562-5370
Brockton Addiction Treatment Center (800) 327-5050
Community Substance Abuse Centers (617) 889-8779
CASA (413) 746-0051
CASHRS (978) 777-2121x650
Habitat Management (508) 295-7990 or (508) 675-1307x100

Town Support Systems

The Manny Lopas Family Foundation
The Marshfield Coalition Against Heroin & Opiates
The Marshfield Drug Task Force
Marshfield FACTS
Marshfield Fire Department
Marshfield Police Department
You Are Not Alone



The remainder of the meeting was an open forum and there was discussion around:

- expanding discussion topics of conversations beyond Heroin and other Opiates.
- more DTF support at Marshfield FACTS meetings.
- In Plain Sight – FACTS to host another event.
- Increased awareness in our middle schools around substance abuse. The idea of having a demolished car planted in front of the middle school was suggested.
- Duxbury – hosts a new young-person's AA/NA meeting

The DTF meeting was called to conclude at 8:00pm. Motion (TS) to end meeting was made seconded by (JK), made third by (TB), and made fourth by (MB). The vote to conclude the meeting was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Bolger, Secretary
Marshfield Drug Task Force

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