

Committee on Community Safety
March 19, 2009 Summary
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1. Call to order: 7:09 pm

- Tim Manke chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair, Tony Casasanta.

Present: Tim Manke, Dave Tompkins, Sheryl Werner, Mitch Page,

Absent: Tony Casasanta, Mike Rizzuto, Chris Ganzer

Also attending: Dave Nagel, Town Council Liaison, Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services. Sgt. Jason Sacconte, Police Dept.

2. Approval of 2/12/09 Summary

- Unanimous

3. Public Participation

- None

4. Asset Building

- Dave Tompkins and Mitch Page reported on their research of different models. They concluded that community asset building seems to be one of the best and most positive. Dave Tompkins distributed three hand-outs (1) Getting Started in Your Community (2) Principals of Asset-Building Communities and (3) the Five Action Strategies
- Lyn Connery, a resident who also works in the Westbrook Schools reported on their experience which has been very positive bringing the various groups together throughout the community.
- Ken Freidenberg did an e-mail survey of Youth Service Bureaus throughout the State and received responses from 15 communities that have or are in the process of using this model. All were enthusiastic.
- The Committee agreed to move forward by educating community groups about Asset building to determine if there is enough interest to move forward.
- Dave Tompkins has a power point which he used recently to present to the Cromwell Board of Education. He will modify and send out.
- Ken Freidenberg will attach the hand-outs to the minutes and several committee members will contact those who were absent to make sure they are in agreement with the next steps.
- The Committee will meet again on April 9 to review the power point and develop a plan of contacting the various stakeholder groups to make presentations. A contact list is on the Library website:

<http://www.newingtonct.gov/content/78/118/136/1389/1399/default.aspx>

6. Other Business

- Ken Freidenberg gave an update on Safe Routes to Schools. Last month, several

members of the ad-hoc committee met during arrival time at Martin Kellogg with the Consulting Engineer from the Capital Region Council of Governments. The ad-hoc committee provided the Engineer with maps, the parent and student surveys and now observation during school arrival time. The Police have also offered their suggestions. The Engineer will submit a report within several weeks. The SRTS grant request for proposals has not been published by the State Department of Transportation at this time.

7. Public Participation

- Rose Lyons commented on safety concerns regarding Willard Ave and West Hill Road. Sgt, Sacconte is aware and will follow up with the Police Dept. Ken Freidenberg will follow up with the Town Planner. Rose Lyons also expressed concern about the need for some patching at the municipal parking lot and cracks in sidewalks in the town center.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm



Respectfully Submitted: Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services
Next Meeting: Thursday April 9 at 7pm