

Town of Cape Elizabeth  
Community Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
7/22/20

Attending: Andrea Ernst, Amy Lombardo, Sarah MacColl, Jon Mortimer and Tara Simopoulos

Absent: Jill Palmore and Terri Patterson

Meeting opened at 5:36 pm - Kathy Raftice updated the committee:

Public Comment - None

Draft Minutes from June 24, 2020 meeting accepted 5 – Yes, 0 – No

Correspondence – None

CECS Updates

### **Adults & Seniors**

Survey conducted to see what conditions would you feel comfortable participating?

- 68 responses
- 44% - may be comfortable participating in outdoor activities
- 21% - indoor with mask & social distancing
- 16% - not until a vaccination available

What factors would make you more comfortable?

- 45.6% - physical distancing markers
- 37% - required sign in
- 34% - will not return until vaccine
- 31% - would require some additional information on procedures

Activities with precautions?

- 43% - Art classes
- 21% - Educational
- 21% - Presentations

### **Youth**

Starting to look at school year. What can we offer if children go back hybrid days? Space? Preschool? Etc. We need to weigh adult programs or use of space for children. Amy suggests a meeting with school, are we looking at those that really need care for work purposes? Kathy explained that talks are beginning. After care is full so do we go there first? Kathy explained what some towns are doing, using Ed Tech's to assist if school work involved. Andrea shared that she thinks the work will be workbook not interactive. Also feels the Ed Techs are going to be needed to meet the guidelines within the schools. Amy suggested possibility of hiring additional staff to help. Will definitely be working through as the month progresses and we have more information on how school will look.

Kathy provided an update on Summer Camp. Brought forth 2 issues where children made racial comments. Emails received on policies. Shared the CECS Rules & Disciplinary Policy. Discussion by members. Sarah shared that the circumstances with the first incident and a special needs child would be different. Lack of filters and understanding. Possibly adapting policy to include a Special Needs category. Tara commented that it is difficult when dealing with people not directly involved, they don't have all the facts. She feels it should be a teachable moment. Sarah shared she felt it should be restorative. Amy brought up how the movement became more known, discussed after the pandemic and kids did not have the opportunity to discuss in school settings. Andrea Ernst suggested a possible bullying policy. Advised we are trying to have Dave Galvan speak to the group. Amy Lombardo supports his involvement. Kids relate well to him. Jon shared he felt if Officer Galvan speaks, he do so in civilian clothes.

Amy shared how wonderful baseball camp has been for Luke and basketball with Sam working. Wonderful mentally for the kiddos. Andrea shared praise for summer camp and how the staff is doing an amazing job, communication is wonderful and staff very well organized. Kathy will share with Kelly.

Sarah added one last item, as we move from summer to fall then winter we need to work on more tolerance for weather.

#### **Ft Williams Update**

- LL Bean Pop Up Sale 8/29 & 8/30
- Women In Harmony 9/26
- Pickleball/Tennis Workshop
- Master Plan

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm

Kathy Raftice

