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Minutes, October 9, 2023

In attendance: Allyson Pinkhover, Barbara Davis, Michael Szczesny, Patty Conway, Steven Zeboski, Alex Bisgounis

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by the Chair, Allyson Pinkhover.

Introductions were made again for member Alex Bisgounis.

Minutes – Motion by Zeboski, second by Bisgounis to approve the minutes of 9/25/23. 6-0-0

Barbara said the powerpoint on middle school resources from the Attorney General was passed along to the MHS health teacher.

Guidance on how to handle special purpose fund. \$54,111.56 currently in the fund. Authorization to spend must be approved by Town Meeting. Free cash will not be certified by the November special town meeting.

Discussion on accessing the money, how it will work, article for the November special town meeting.

A suggestion was made to ~~do a~~ one page blurb about the acceptable uses and include survey for Town meeting.

Allyson distributed some prices for the Naloxbox and vending machine type boxes. Talked about boxes with temperature control and range of costs. Many possibilities/options were discussed.

Police chief is on board with the Naloxbox. Possibility of boxes inside the library and out, houses of worship, in the strip malls. Thinking is to prioritize the Naloxboxes; Allyson would check and see if a grant is available.

Metro Area Planning Council is working with the RIZE foundation.

Discussed questions for the survey. Distribution – social media, town email blast, paper copies in the library, town hall, town meeting, maybe local businesses.

Add a QR code link. Goal is to get 400 reponses. Check on cost to mail the survey, postcard with QR code.

Allyson will draft survey and send out for comment, along with the disbursement schedule for the funds.

Next meeting – October 23 at 7PM at Town Hall.

Motion (Zeboski/Conway) to adjourn 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:22.