

WALPOLE TRUST FUND COMMISSION MINUTES

The second quarterly meeting of the Trust Fund Commission was called to order on May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall Room 116.

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EMA Disbursements: Voted to confirm the recommendations of the WEMAF Review Committee for the month of April and reimburse the Fund for supplies. The Town Finance Director was instructed to make the following payments from the Emergency Medical Aid Fund.

March, 2018	\$2,504.36
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P.O. Box	\$ 136.00
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WEMAF Committee Business: Introduction of Katherine F. Eibye (Katie) appointed to be a new member of the committee. Thank you to Lorraine Dundon, Chair for her dedicated service to the committee for the past three (3) years.

Terri DiVirgilio will be serving as the committee's Chair.

Discussion items included the appropriateness of funding co-pays and/or premiums for medical insurance policies. The original operating instructions for the fund were written in 1940. There was no social safety net and medical health insurance was non-existent. Consideration of these items is in uncharted waters for WEMAF and the TFC.

Prescription drugs have been dispensed by Betro pharmacy for decades. Pre-approved clients of WEMAF charged prescriptions to our account and Betro was reimbursed at the end of the

month. Peter Betro retired and Betro Pharmacy has been closed. Peter made arrangements with the Walpole CVS Pharmacy to service is long standing accounts including WEMAF clients.

Proposed Walpole VNA Association: Since the inception of Mr. Allan's Fund, the Walpole VNA was the designated agency to perform the hands on operation of the fund. They were very successful and are knowledgeable regarding medical care, medical insurance and fiscal matters related to medical support. They ceased providing their services to the Town of Walpole about twenty (20) years ago. WEMAF is the successor to Walpole VNA.

Recently, the commissioners have had preliminary discussions with Elaine Stephens, CEO of WVNA. We discussed the possibility of collaboration between WEMAF and the WVNA whereby the WVNA would serve as a mentor or a friendly adviser to assist in possible revisions to our guidelines and application forms. For example, the application form asks about medical histories that would be illegal under HIPPA regulations.

The WVNA could be helpful in referring their clients who may have coverage gaps in their policies both public and private. The issue of co-pays was discussed. Though our guidelines address the emergency or limits of services, a defined service for a specific function could be considered such as three (3) sessions of PT with a specific, limited co-pay. Clients have been known to forgo treatments due to the inability to pay the patient portion of the services.

Other referral possibilities discussed were Hessco, Families of Faith and the Town of Walpole website. These possibilities suggest revisiting the idea of new stationery and a brochure.

Annual Disbursements - Over the past twelve months \$ 18,548.99 was provided to Walpole residents from the WEMAF. It is anticipated that approximately \$40,000 will be available for the 2019 fiscal year.

At the start of school in September, we will send letters to school nurses, clergy, Town of Walpole health agent, veteran's agent, and town administrator. The letters and newspaper articles will be sent on an annual basis. There being no further business to come before the commissioners, it was voted to adjourn at 9:30pm.

Respectfully,

John Sheehan

Commissioner