



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (HSC) AGENDA

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00 PM

ACTON TOWN HALL, ROOM 204

472 MAIN STREET

REMOTE PARTICIPATION: From a computer, use the link to join the public meeting: <https://actonma.zoom.us/j/81709613898> or from a telephone, dial (646) 876-9923 and enter Webinar ID: 817-0961-3898.

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I. Regular Business

1. Reading of HSC Charge
2. Welcome to New HSC At-Large Member, Kalyani Krishnan
3. Resident Concerns
4. Updates
 - a) Committee Members' Update
 - b) Community Services Coordinator/ Director of Health and Family Services Update
 - c) Selectboard Liaison Update
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a) January 18, 2024 (cancelled meeting due to lack of quorum)
 - b) March 21, 2024
 - c) Matter of HSC Minutes prior to 2023-24 Hiatus

Draft Minutes Located at: <https://doc.actonma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-16685>

II Ongoing Business

6. HSC Presentations

- a) Presentation of Jacquelin Aspler, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN) continued until May 2, 2024 HSC Meet Due to Ms. Aspler's schedule.
- b) Acton Food Pantry
- c) Women's Money Matters
- d) Other .

7. Town Emergency Assistance Program

- a) Current Status
- b) Outreach
- c) Program Future

8. Fuel Assistance Program–Concerns with South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC)

9. Findhelp.org

10. HSC Communicating with the Public

III. New/Special Business

11. Idea for Future HSC 'Short and Long Term Goal Setting Session'

12. Following up With Boards, Committees and Councils who are Required to Delegate Representatives to HSC

13. HSC Officer Roles

14. Renters/Housing Matters

- a) Renters Advocate
- b) Follow up on 2023 Town Meeting Article 45 Non-Binding Resolution Regarding Renters Handbook and Confidentiality Policy.
<https://ma-acton2.civicplus.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18361>
(Once on link, see Article 45 on Page 81)

c) Discussion Whether HSC Should Recommend to Select Board that Town Support State Legislation Regarding Rent Control/Just Cause for Initiating Eviction or Non-Renewal of Lease
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H2103>

15. HSC Positions on Annual Town Meeting 2024 Warrant Articles
Draft Warrant: <https://doc.actonma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-90557>

IV. Closing Items

16. Future HSC Meetings
a) Review of Calendar
b) Room Reservations
c) Future Agenda Items
d) Video Record of Meetings

17. Meeting Evaluation

18. Adjourn

Note: The listed agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Committee Charge:

- To advocate for and support the role of the Human Services Department in the town of Acton.
- To identify and prioritize unmet and emerging human service needs in the community
- To advise the Select Board and educate the community at large regarding these community trends/needs.
- To stimulate the development of new programs, services, and initiatives by public and private entities and/or partnerships to address human service-related needs in Acton.
- To recommend human services-related funding and best practices to the Select Board and Town Meeting members.

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Additional Materials

Additional materials can be found online:
<https://doc.actonma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-18073>

Contact the Human Services Committee

For more information about the Acton Human Services Committee contact hsc@actonma.gov