

WALPOLE WELFARE REPORT – 2008

The Welfare Office was busy in 2008. There were fourteen acceptable clients this year. Five prospective clients did not qualify for assistance. The following is a breakdown of services by dollar amount.

Rental Assistance - \$7,846.00
Fuel Assistance – 927.12
Electric Assistance - 76.29
Medical Assistance - 451.00

Walpole Welfare Director spoke to the Select Board regarding stock-piling cordwood for use by welfare applicants. However, as clients applying for fuel assistance do not burn wood, the stock piling did not occur. Southwestern Community Services in Keene has a program for fuel assistance and is in many cases used by town welfare clients. As there is a waiting period mandated by the state as to when fuel assistance will be paid out, some clients need a little help before Southwestern can release money to the fuel companies for deliveries.

All clients, asking for fuel assistance or rental assistance are required to apply with Southwestern Community services for fuel assistance. If qualified and the dollar amount is not used for fuel it may be applied to rental assistance.

This department attended three scheduled Welfare Workshops this year. Walpole Welfare has started meeting with some Cheshire County towns every two months to discuss how various towns are handling welfare cases and what each town can do to assist other welfare directors in understanding some of the laws and the art of welfare assistance.

Respectfully submitted
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