

Town Manager Addresses Social Services Director Transition

On February 1, 2008 we said good-bye to Social Services Director Lauren McSweeney, who left Town employment after 7-1/2 years of dedicated service. During Lauren's tenure she hired a terrific staff, reorganized and expanded the Senior Service employment program, put in place a new lunch meal program and expanded our Supportive Day Care program. I appreciate all of her efforts.

I place high priority on achieving a smooth transition for the Senior Center and the Department of Social Services during the time the Director's position is vacant. Charlotte Rodgers, our Social Services Nurse has been named Acting Director of Social Services.

Deputy Town Manager Linda Vine and Charlotte have put plans in place for day-to-day operations at the Senior Center. We have brought in Marilyn Campbell, the retired Council on Aging Director in Weston, on a part-time basis to assist with the transition. She and Charlotte will work closely with my staff and will bring major issues to my attention.

Human Resources Director Denise Casey is beginning a recruitment process for a new Director. She and Linda are working together to attract highly qualified candidates to Lexington. We will include members of the Council on Aging and the Human Services Committee, as well as peers from other towns, on the interview panels. We will also be scheduling focus group meetings with interested seniors to solicit your input on the qualities you are looking for in the new Director. We hope to hire a new Social Services Director by mid to late spring.