

Foxborough Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee

Minutes 6/18/2015

Attendees: Members in attendance, Bob Correia, Bill Dudley, Deb Spinelli, and Lynda Walsh

Group discussed the Chapter 119 Section 21A

Foxborough Home Rule Petition

M.G.L. Chapter 119 Section 21

The state general law definition of a Mandated Reporter for Child Abuse is clear in stating that certain paid professionals are Mandated Reporters. The Foxborough Home Rule Petition would like to define the unclear reference to “staff” in sports leagues, churches, and any other entities to include all persons, paid or unpaid, who perform a task which brings them into contact with children under the age of eighteen.

Beyond those roles specifically listed in the law, Mandated Reporters in Foxborough will include the following:

- *Any public or private school employee;*
- *Persons who care for or work with a child in any public or private facility, paid or unpaid;*
- *All employees of the Town of Foxborough;*
- *All volunteers who work with children in Foxborough such as volunteer youth sports coaches, church volunteers, park and recreation, library, scouting, boys or girls clubs, YMCA, and any other person in an organization who has contact with children.*

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 119, Section 51A, which requires training of Mandated Reporters, in Foxborough there shall be a basic training course for all persons who are designated as Mandated Reporters under the local petition, as recommended by the Foxborough Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee. There shall also be a refresher training recommended by the Committee. This shall be made available under the F.C.A.A. Committee section of the town website.

Bill moved to adjourn, seconded by Lynda, passed 4-0

The next meeting will be held 6/25 at 5:00 Boyden Library.