

APPEALS BOARD

The Board of Appeals held two public hearings in 2010. Variances were granted by the Board in both cases.

In September of 2010, the Superior Court upheld the ZBA's denial of Sara Realty's variance request.

The Board of Appeals meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall, starting at 7:30 OM. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas R. McElroy
Chairman, Board of Appeals

NEWTON WELFARE OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY

The Welfare Department is available to provide information, as a referral resource and to assist those in financial crisis, on an emergency basis. Please feel free to contact the Welfare Department at 382-0398 with any questions or concerns you may have.

The Newton Food Pantry is available for any resident who is in need. The Pantry continues to be well stocked with donated non-perishable food items. To access the Food Pantry please call the Welfare Department to arrange an appointment.

As always, all inquiries are kept confidential.

Due to the continuing economic downturn, need has continued to be an issue and the Welfare Department and the Food Pantry has been busy trying to meet those needs. There have been many requests for financial assistance with housing, utility costs and heating needs and the Food Pantry continues to be used by those unable to make ends meet and put adequate food on their tables.

Once again, the very generous people of our Town continue to help those less fortunate than themselves. On behalf of those who utilize the Food Panty I offer my deepest gratitude to those individuals both known and anonymous, groups and businesses who continue to contribute items and monetary donations to keep the pantry well stocked. Among those who have helped are the patrons and staff and Friends of the Gale Library and Newton Post Office, Newton Memorial School, Sanborn Regional Middle School, Sanborn Regional High School Key Club, CBI, The Newton Learning Center, Newton Baseball Softball Association, the First Baptist Church of Newton, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Video Care and Repair, Merrimac Savings Bank, the Town employees and staff at Town Hall and many, many residents. This year the Welfare Department and Food Pantry was able to provide Thanksgiving dinners to 16 families, Christmas dinners to 21 families and some Christmas presents for 14 children in our Town. All those involved had such a wonderful Holiday season. Thank you all so much.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina O'Rourke
Welfare Agent