

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Town Hall

Attendance: R. Veleber, D. Kelleher, S. Stekloff, S. Pappas, J. Falk, K. Schechter
Absent: B. Barlok, S. Theroux, S. Ferrall, M. Pickett

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of March 2017 Minutes

Deb Kelleher made a motion to approve the March 2017 Minutes as amended.
Sherry Stekloff seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Budget

Vice Chairman Deb Kelleher inquired about the funds left in the budget.
There is a surplus of about \$500.00.
Chairman Ruth Veleber suggested that ideas on how to spend it should be discussed under **New Business**

Social Services Report:

Kristen Schechter presented the Social Services Report.

There were 46 food vouchers distributed for the month of March, and 23 CIU referrals including 4 Family Violence and 4 Referrals to Protective Services for the Elderly. The Energy Assistance deadline ended on March 31. The Rental Rebate Program started on April 1.

Deb Kelleher asked how much the rental rebate is. Kristen Schechter replied the rebate is income dependent and whether applicant is married or single; could be anywhere from \$150.00 to \$700.00. This is a one-time rebate, for elderly or disabled applicants. This program was cut by approximately 7% this year and may be cut another 7%.

Senior Services Report:

Kristen Schechter presented the Senior Services Report on behalf of Stephanie Theroux.

There were 18 working days in March, 45 scheduled appointments, including 3 home visits/transportation evaluations.

There were 142 inquiries which reflect scheduled and unscheduled appointments, telephone calls and emails.

In addition to the above, there was 1 CHAT meeting, 1 Health Fair meeting, 1 Women's Club meeting and 1 Community meeting.

Chairman Ruth Veleber reminded the group that the Wellness Fair will be held on May 19, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Senior Center.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

1. Election of Committee Officers
 - Chairman – Ruth Veleber
 - Vice Chairman – Sue Pappas
 - Secretary – Sherry Stekloff

There was a motion by Deb Kelleher to approve the election of officers as presented, seconded by George Pawlush. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

2. Discussion on Surplus Budget

Kristen Schechter and Sue Pappas informed the group of an idea they had regarding the use of the surplus.

Since there is a large elderly population in town, there is a need for personal adult supplies. There is an organization that distributes these items. It is called DUB4U, Discreet Undergarment Banking for You, located in Bozrah, CT. This company will mail supplies needed to the elderly, or anyone in need, free of charge. They are a registered, non-profit company.

A donation or collection to this organization was discussed by the group. There was a discussion on placing a drop-box for these items at the Wellness Fair so people could donate these items. The Food Pantry could be used for storage of the items donated which would then be given to this organization for distribution.

Chairman Ruth Veleber asked if we can legally do this. Karen Schechter will check on the legality and feasibility of this.

Deb Kelleher suggested setting up a donation place in town, print awareness flyers and distribute them in town asking that items be dropped off at Town Hall.

Chairman Veleber volunteered to distribute flyers regarding this company at the Wellness Fair.

Deb Kelleher suggested that we contact DUB4U by email to inform them of the group's contribution, to ask about drop-off boxes, and request that they supply us with an outline for a flyer that the group can use.

The Committee feels that this is a good idea for our citizens in need of these products.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by George Pawlush at 7:36, seconded by Deb Kelleher.

The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Room 207-209 in the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Izzo