

**Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 3:30pm**  
**Seekonk Human Services Conference Room 108**  
**540 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771**

**Attendance:** Guy Boulay, Anne Libby, Rene Andres, Beverly Della Grotta, Christine Allen, Josephine Veader, Bernadette Huck (Director), and Ashley Cartwright (Senior Secretary)

**Absent:** Anita Gendron

1. Open Meeting at 3:33 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes
  - a. Approval of Minutes from November 27, 2017
    - i. **MOTION:** Rene made a motion to approve the minutes
    - ii. **SECOND:** Anne second the motion
    - iii. **VOTE:** Anne aye, Rene aye, Beverly aye, Josephine aye, Chris abstain and Guy abstain
  - b. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2018
    - i. **MOTION:** Guy made a motion to approve the minutes
    - ii. **SECOND:** Chris second the motion
    - iii. **VOTE:** Rene aye, Beverly aye, Guy aye, Chris aye, Josephine abstain and Anne abstain
4. Old Business
  - a. Valentine's Day Celebration
    - i. Wingate Healthcare provided the food for a fundraiser they are doing for the Waterfire
    - ii. Lunch was Eggplant Parmesan
    - iii. We raised over \$180 to support the fundraiser
5. New Business
  - a. Upcoming Trips
    - i. Niagara Falls June 3 – June 6
    - ii. Theatre by the Sea – July 2018
    - iii. Newport Playhouse – June 2018
  - b. St. Patrick's Day
    - i. Corned Beef Dinner
    - ii. 11:30am lunch
    - iii. Barney Mallon entertainment
  - c. Easter Celebration
    - i. Banjo Buddies Entertainment
    - ii. Ham Dinner
    - iii. Wear your best Easter hats
6. Directors Report
  - a. Accidental fall in January
  - b. Bernie would like to decrease her hours
  - c. Bernie would like to retire but first use up her sick time

- d. Town is lacking transportation and affordable housing. Seekonk Housing has elderly, disabled and veterans. Contact the state representation regarding affordable housing for the elderly.
  - e. Guy went over the budget of the goals and objectives and believes parking is not an issue and that we should include housing and transportation as well as the coordination of services through other agencies in the goals. Guy believes all objectives should be measurable, i.e. if we have 5 participants and want to increase by 5 to show a measureable goal.
  - f. Chris said to contact the Town Planner so they can calculate the senior growth in Seekonk, they have a special formula to help
  - g. Ashley believes that the statistics are the core of the services provided in outreach and activities. She would like to discuss them monthly to explain them in further details.
  - h. Bernie received an amended grant for \$50,000 earmarked for the Seekonk Senior Center
  - i. Bernie wants Ashley to contact the Knights of Columbus regarding plowing during the snow storms so we do not have to cancel activities.
7. Other Business
  8. Members Speak
  9. Public Speaks
  10. Next Meeting
    - a. Monday, March 26, 2018 @ 3:30pm
  11. Motion to Adjourn
    - a. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion to adjourn at 4:55pm
    - b. **SECOND:** Guy second the motion
    - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous