

**Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 4, 2013 @ 3:30pm**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting Room**

**Attendance:** Guy Boulay, Christine Allen, Rene Andrews, Vicki Kinniburgh, Anne Libby, Anita Gendron, Beverly Della Grotta, Bernadette M. Huck (Director), Ashley Pimental (Senior Secretary)

1. Open Meeting at 3:34pm
2. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2013
  - a. Under C: eliminate no one called
  - b. Change under Board of Selectman meeting part 1 to Vicki said the Board would have attended if they had known the subject being discussed.
  - c. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to accept the minutes with the changes
  - d. **SECOND:** Rene seconds the motion
  - e. **VOTE:** Unanimous
3. Old Business
  - a. Update from Guy Boulay about Library
    - i. November 7, 2012 was the first meeting
    - ii. Represents a cross section of the Town committees
    - iii. Presented current programs and services being offered by the library
    - iv. Brainstormed goals and objectives
    - v. Second meeting scheduled for Feb. 6, 2013
    - vi. The plan is to consolidate the goals and objectives
    - vii. The library has a section on their website called 'Long Range Plan' with all the goals they have come up with
    - viii. The survey done on voting day has been published online
    - ix. Bernie suggested mentioning the need for large print books, audio books, delivery of books to homebound
  - b. Women's Brunch
    - i. Excellent turnout, price was good, hospitality was excellent
    - ii. In the future rearrange tables for better viewing
    - iii. The date will be the third Thursday of the month
4. New Business
  - a. Future Plans
    - i. Trips: Wrights Farm and Twin River on Feb. 22, 2013 for \$39. Pick up time is at 10:45am at Human Services and return time is 7pm
      1. Average price of meal is \$20 at Wrights, plus the food voucher at Twin River for \$7 and play for \$10
      2. Sign up as soon as possible, 30 people needed for trip to go
    - ii. There is a possibility of moving late March or early April but it depends on the finance committee and Town Meeting
    - iii. Bernie states that the building committee is moving forward with the plans
    - iv. Bernie has spoke with Jeanine from the YMCA about developing a walking trail
    - v. Start Bocce in the summer

- vi. Vicki says these future activities will help bring upcoming seniors to become involved
- b. Finance Committee Meeting
  - i. The audience didn't participate
  - ii. Anne said the Finance Committee wants more information on the current building
  - iii. Chris asked if Mr. McLintock could give an update on the building committee
    - 1. There is an Operations Project Manager (OPM)
    - 2. They are going to be doing a prefab
    - 3. Minor adjustments will need to be made to the building due to cost
    - 4. More angles in the building will cost more, the less angles the cost will go down
    - 5. Guy asked what an RFP is, Mr. McLintock stated that the stated it's a Request for Proposal and the state of MA has specific guidelines to go by
    - 6. The OPM will be at Thursday's Building Committee meeting at 6:30pm
    - 7. Chris stated that in December at the Christmas Party at the Senior Center, two Board of Selectman members were there and one member stated that the Senior Center will be moving
    - 8. Mr. McLintock said he is not sure where the information came from for a move, it will have to be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting or Town Meeting for the funds

#### 5. Directors Report

- a. Bernie said there is a Building Committee meeting on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- b. Mr. McLintock said if anyone has any questions to call him regarding the new building
- c. Bristol Elder Services (BES) stated that they will not be participating in Brown Bags at the end of January 2013
- d. Bernie is looking into other ways to partner with other agencies to continue Brown Bags
- e. Guy Boulay asked if Seekonk has Meals on Wheels, Bernie said, we do, it is a full cooked meal that is delivered daily
- f. Bernie discussed transportation issues. In January's newsletter we sent out a GATRA Survey and only 10 were returned. The survey is also available online. Surveys can be mailed, dropped off or call Human Services to have it picked up.
- g. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, Social Security will only be doing direct deposit. Please call Human Services if you need assistance setting up an account at the bank of your choice
- h. Bonnie from the VNA will be doing a program on February 6<sup>th</sup> about maintaining a sharper mind
- i. Barney Mallon will be singing at the Valentine's Day Party, lunch will be Shrimp or Chicken Alfredo, please call in advance to sign up
- j. Women's brunch is Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am
- k. Fuel Assistance is still accepting applications

1. Circuit breaker credit is \$1000 for those who qualify
6. Next Meeting
  - a. February 25, 2013 @ 3:30pm
7. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to adjourn
  - a. **SECOND:** Rene second the motion
  - b. **VOTE:** Unanimous