

Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 22, 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), Kimberly Mallon (Junior Clerk)

1. Open Meeting at 3:30pm
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 25, 2013 (Regular Session)
 - i. **MOTION:**
 - ii. **SECOND:**
 - iii. **VOTE:** Unanimous
 - b. March 25, 2013 (Executive Session)
 - i. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to table the minutes from March 25, 2013
 - ii. **SECOND:** Chris second the motion
 - iii. **VOTE:** Unanimous
3. Old Business
 - a. Temporary Relocation of Human Services
 - i. Vicki asked if Edith Krekorian wanted to speak
 - ii. Edith invited the Board to the Silver Tea on May 8
 - iii. Edith also quoted the School Committee Chair, Mr. Bilodeau, said if there is any issues with the building, not to go to the Board of Selectman or the School Department, but go to the School Committee directly and they will solve the problem
 - iv. Edith quoted Mr. McLintock saying, I don't understand what the hassle is around here, it is minor things that need to be fixed
 - v. April 30th is the next building committee meeting
 - vi. The Pleasant Street building has 30-days to fix what needs to be fixed before confirming to move or not.
 - vii. The report from the Building Inspector gives a detailed list of things that need to be corrected
 - viii. Vicki asked what the board thought of the Knights of Columbus
 - ix. Anne replied, the Knights of Columbus would be adequate if we need to move but I rather stay if the updates can be done
 - x. Rene replied, that the lift works fine, it was used today and it was inspected last week
 - xi. Chris replied, in the event of a fire the lift cannot be used
 - xii. Guy replied, if the new senior center will be open in the next year, a move would be a waste, we should make the necessary changes
 - xiii. Rene doesn't feel that the people are safe at Pleasant Street
 - xiv. Rene prefers to stay but feels the safety is more important. The safety issue is not with the office
 - xv. Anita wants to stay with the appropriate corrections
 - xvi. Beverly would like to stay at Pleasant Street

- xvii. Guy asked who is responsible for the repairs, Vicki replied the school
 - xviii. Vicki stated that the Board would like to stay at Pleasant Street if all the repairs can be made
4. New Business
 - a. GATRA Surveys
 - i. Very few surveys were returned
 - ii. Bernie received information regarding home bound individuals and can forward the information to the Emergency Medical Team
 - b. Brown Bags
 - i. St. Thomas Church in Taunton took over the program
 - ii. The program should be better since the food is coming straight from Boston and there are a new group of volunteers
 5. Directors Report
 - a. The building is going to be smaller than anticipated because of the \$2.5 million budget
 - b. The project is anticipated to be completed in April 2014 with occupancy by the end of April 2014
 - c. Trips are going great with Newport Playhouse and Cape Cod
 - d. Next building committee meeting is April 30, 2013 at 6:30pm
 - e. The Architect and Operations Project Manager will be coming to the Men's Breakfast on May 9th and to TRIAD on May 22nd
 6. Other Business
 - a. Chris talked to John Blaze from Park and Recreation in Pawtucket regarding trips. Trips are being cancelled in Pawtucket due to lack of sign ups. Pawtucket would like to partner with Seekonk for future trips to avoid cancellations.
 - b. Chris suggested to put a registration cutoff date, checks payable and important information regarding trips at the bottom of the trip page for the future
 - c. Guy stated that the library has completed their Strategic Plan and it is going before the Library Trustees before being printed (Guy submits copy of e-mail from Peter Fuller regarding Strategic Plan for meeting minutes)
 - d. Beverly stated that the all occasion cards will be used as a fundraiser for the Senior Center. Friends of Seekonk Senior Center are supporting this fundraiser
 - e. Anne is concerned about the number of clients we lost and would like to see the art class, chef on a shoe string and knitting come back to the Senior Center
 - f. Anne is concerned about knitting being at a residents home
 - g. Chris is concerned as well with a Town sponsored program being at someone's home
 - h. Rene and Vicki suggested to disassociate knitting with the Town until the new center is built
 - i. Remove knitting from the newsletter until the new center is built
 - j. Anne noted that the library had two activities in the newsletter and wondered if this was going to be an ongoing
 - k. Bernie said it was a onetime thing but they also advertise for Human Services
 - l. Chris asked if Sharon Bettencourt is an employee at Human Services. Bernie said she is paid by the Senior Aid Program which is why her name is on the statistics for phone calls

- m. Chris stated as the Water Commissioner for the Town of Seekonk, she wanted to inform the residents that there will be new water meters installed this year
- 7. Next Meeting
 - a. May 27, 2013
- 8. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to adjourn
 - a. **SECOND:** Anita seconds the motion
 - b. **VOTE:** Unanimous