

Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 6, 2014 @ 3:30pm
Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

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

1. Open meeting at 3:35pm
2. Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2013
 - a. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to approve the minutes from October 28, 2013
 - b. **SECOND:** Guy second the motion
 - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous, Chris abstained
3. Old Business
 - a. Veterans Day Celebration
 - i. No speaker
 - ii. Vicki wants to know why there was no speaker. Bernie said 3 weeks prior the speaker had to cancel because of active duty
 - iii. Vicki said Bernie should have got another speaker within that time
 - b. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion to move the Dementia Program next on the agenda
 - i. **SECOND:** Anne second the motion
 - ii. **VOTE:** Unanimous
 - c. Dementia Program
 - i. Vicki said speaking as a nurse that someone who knows Dementia should speak of it. Bernie said it was a nurse that was supposed to come in and speak for the program.
 - ii. Anne said all speakers should be called a few days prior
 - d. Thanksgiving
 - i. 66 baskets between the Turkey Brigade and Human Services
 - ii. 32 meals were delivered to homebound residents
 - iii. Mark from Country Kitchen made all the meals
 - e. Christmas
 - i. Over 30 baskets were done by Human Services
 - ii. Over 30 meals by an anonymous family where made and delivered
 - iii. We did over 60 children for Christmas is for Kids
 - f. Newport Playhouse
 - i. Trip chaperones waited for 15 minutes for a senior to come when the senior was driving on his own. Chaperons should have been notified of this in advanced. Bernie said that this will not happen again
4. New Business
 - a. New Building
 - i. Dave Bowden spoke about American Pools
 - ii. The building has a 5-unit rental property
 - iii. The bidding process has not been successful for a prefab building

- iv. Town Legal and the building lawyer are going over a purchase and sales agreement
 - v. It is a sound building
 - vi. There is a special Town Meeting and ballot questions coming up
 - vii. The original terminology was to appropriate the money for building a new senior center
 - viii. Mr. Sagar said the Special Town voting is February 10 and the Special Town Meeting is February 18. The building committee will be meeting January 9.
 - ix. Mr. McLintock thinks the new building will serve Human Services and the Town as a whole
 - x. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion on behalf of the board to approve the purchase of 442 Taunton Avenue (American Pools)
 - 1. **SECOND:** Guy seconds the motion
 - 2. **VOTE:** Unanimous
- b. New Year Plans
- i. Bernie got a grant for the new building ceremony
 - ii. Jan Tabor is coming in to go over a new program called MOLST
 - iii. Senior Whole Health Presentation on January 22
 - iv. What to do in case of an emergency by TRIAD on January 29
 - v. Cardiac Care has been Cancelled
 - vi. Vicki said to make arrangements with the fire department to try to continue the service
 - vii. Chris suggested contacting Sturdy to see if they can do the program
 - viii. Fuel Assistance is still taking applications
5. Directors Report
- a. Letter of thanks to Donald Kinniburgh for serving on Bristol Elder Services
 - b. Guy Boulay will be on the Bristol Elder Services Board
 - c. Conflict of Interest Law – volunteers, consultants, and municipal employees
 - d. Anne and Rene would like to look into the Conflict of Interest Law
 - e. Vicki asked Ashley to call Boston
 - f. Chris suggested to have the BOS speak to Town Legal about the Conflict of Interest Law, the board would like to see the letter before it sent to the BOS
6. Members Speak
- a. Beverly, on behalf of FOSSCI, Stop & Shop on Highland Avenue will be holding three raffles
 - b. Chris would like to plan a trip to Dollywood and the Smokey Mountains as a 5 day trip
7. Next Meeting
- a. Monday, February 24, 2014 @ 3:30pm
8. Adjourn
- a. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to adjourn at 4:46pm
 - b. **SECOND:** Rene second the motion
 - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous