

Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2014 @ 3:30pm
Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

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

1. Open meeting at 3:30pm
2. Pledge Allegiance
3. Minutes from September 22, 2014
 - a. **MOTION:** Guy makes a motion to approve the minutes as amended
 - b. **SECOND:** Chris seconds the motion
 - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous
4. Old Business
 - a. Pasta Fest
 - i. Raised \$3,101
 - ii. Raised \$675 in raffles, in the past it was \$900
 - b. Thanksgiving Baskets
 - i. 64-68 baskets being done by the Turkey Brigade
 - c. Brown Bags
 - i. Seniors received apples and sweet potatoes this month
 - ii. Some seniors receive the food pantry and Brown Bags
 - iii. Currently there are 31 seniors participating in the program
 - d. Art Classes through RISD
 - i. RISD never got back at first then they said they would try to look into it
 - ii. Bernie said Michelle knows someone who does art classes, Rehoboth hasn't answered Bernie yet, Attleboro also has art classes
 - iii. Anita suggested David Sadd
5. New Business
 - a. Bristol Elder Services Annual Meeting (Guy Boulay)
 - i. They swore in members
 - ii. They served a wonderful meal
 - iii. The most recent meeting was on Dementia
 - iv. Another program they are having is "Are You Ready for Winter"
 - v. Meals on Wheels contract has changed
 - b. Goals and Objectives
 - i. Feedback from clients
 - ii. Transportation is a major issue for Seekonk
 - iii. Surrounding Towns such as Swansea and Somerset have transportation
 - iv. In the past there was an excellent transportation system in Town
 - v. There are grants available for the purchase of vehicles
 - vi. Transportation was cut due to budget constraints
 - vii. Create a subcommittee for transportation, the board would like to be involved
 - viii. Invite the Selectmen to a meeting regarding transportation, Monday November 17th about transportation provisions

- ix. Vicki asked Ashley to invite the BOS Chair and members to the November 17th Meeting
- x. Town Meeting is November 17, 2014
- xi. There will be a regular meeting on November 17th
- xii. There will be a meeting on December 15, 2014 regarding transportation
- c. Building Committee Meetings
 - i. They plan to have Human Services in the new building next year at this time
 - ii. The committee wants to interview the six bidders, the sub-committee has already narrowed it down to three bidders
 - iii. The next meeting is Thursday, October 30th at 6:30pm
- 6. Directors Report
 - a. Pasta Fest was a success, all the non-profit organizations in Town come together for this event
 - b. Bernie seeks funds from St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Friends of Friends and our Gift and Donation account to help individuals and families with fuel
 - c. Salvation Army has offered us Wal-Mart part time as well as The Paper Store
 - d. Adriana has been switched to the Supervisory Union
- 7. Other Business
 - a. Chris said the Covered Bridges Tour was excellent
 - b. Town Meeting is Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7pm
 - c. Elections are Monday, November 4, 2014 from 7am to 8pm
- 8. Members Speak
- 9. Next Meeting
 - a. Monday, November 17, 2014 @ 3:30pm regarding transportation
- 10. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to adjourn at 4:27pm
 - a. **SECOND:** Rene second the motion
 - b. **VOTE:** Unanimous