

SEEKONK HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2010

Present: Josephine Veader, Rene Andrews, Vicki Kinniburgh, Anne Libby, Anita Gendron, Christine Allen and Director Bernadette Huck.

Absent: Lynn Neves

Old Business:

- Trips of the board made and passed a motion as to how to improve any trips Human Services is advertising.
 1. An itinerary should be given out at the time of sign up with all information concerning departure and return time, cost, where the trip will be going, all the stops the bus will be making, and whether walking shoes will be needed.

The Board also felt that the office staff should be able to answer any questions regarding all trips that are advertised. Detours on trips should not happen unless the people on the tour bus are asked.

New Business:

- The Brown Bag Program begins on November 24th. Seekonk recipients who qualify will receive one bag of food every month. Francis Cavaco has volunteered to pick up the food each month and will also deliver bags to anyone who is homebound. Some members of the board also volunteered to help.
- Nursing students from Rhode Island College are visiting the elderly and homebound in our community once a week.
- The Community Garden report was given by Phoebe Dunn, who stated that it had been very successful this year and 18 plots had been planted and harvested. Some of the Seekonk Commons residents were able to participate.
- Dave Bowden, Chairman of the Building Committee, told the board that open meetings of the building committee have been held almost weekly since June. He reported to the board the names of those who were on the committee along with an update of where the plans are now for a new senior center.
- A clam boil will be held at the Seekonk Rod & Gun Club on November 20th and is being sponsored by the Seekonk Non-Profit Coalition and the Seekonk Police Department to raise funds for the benefit of the Fuel and Utility Fund as well as food and other necessities. This fund will be administered by the Human Services Department of the Town of Seekonk.
- The Director gave a statistical report on how many families were served by Human Services for fuel assistance. Also 76 families from Seekonk had their Circuit Breaker Tax Credits done by the tax volunteers this year at the Town Hall.
- It was mentioned that the Selectmen were investigating the Closed Showcase Cinemas in town for a possible site to include the Senior Center. The Board had already voted to build the center on the Peck St. site (near the Town Hall).

- Board members requested from the Director that they be notified of everything that is going on at Human Services. They were disappointed that they had not been notified of the volunteer luncheon held at the Venus DeMilo where one of the Human Services volunteers received an award as being an outstanding volunteer.
- The Board approved the Director attending the MCOA Conference on the Cape in October.
- The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010 @ 3:30 pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room.