

**Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 16, 2015 @ 3:30pm**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting Room**

**Attendance:** Rene Andrews, Anita Gendron, Beverly Della Grotta, Guy Boulay, Christine Allen, Bernadette Huck (Director)

1. Open Meeting at 3:37pm on November 16, 2015
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. June 22, 2015
    - i. **MOTION:** Guy made a motion to accept the minutes
    - ii. **SECOND:** Anita second the motion
    - iii. **VOTE:** Unanimous
  - b. October 5, 2015
    - i. **MOTION:** Beverly made a motion to accept the minutes
    - ii. **SECOND:** Anita seconds the motion
    - iii. **VOTE:** 3 aye, 2 abstain (Chris and Guy)
4. Old Business
  - a. Update on New Building
    - i. Bernie stated that the ground breaking for the senior center was excellent. There was a great turnout. They are expecting it to be finished in the spring. It is a 24 week project from start to finish.
  - b. Salvation Army Bell Ringing
    - i. Bernie feels we extended ourselves too much. We took on Hobby Lobby as a second location. We tried to get more participation from volunteers. Ashley brings the bucket and picks it up with Beverly's help. Hobby Lobby is Monday through Friday from 4pm to 8pm, and Saturday's 8am to 8pm. Volunteers interested in helping can contact Human Services at 508-336-8772.
  - c. Arts Lottery Grant
    - i. We put in for 2 grants through the Arts Lottery, one for an additional art class and one for entertainment at the Silver Tea. The Arts Lottery Grant is available to those with artistic ability that want to contribute to the community.
5. New Business
  - a. Ground Breaking
    - i. Rene said it was conducted very well. She felt that there was a positive turn out. Donations towards the new senior center are greatly appreciated it. Donations over a certain amount would be entitled to a plaque saying "Donated By, In Memory of, etc."
  - b. Holiday Baskets
    - i. 77 Baskets will be delivered for Thanksgiving from an outside agency on Sunday, November 22 from 1pm to 6pm.
    - ii. All other baskets will be available for pick up on November 23 from 10am – 3pm

- iii. Outback Steakhouse will be providing Turkey Dinners for the homebound. Volunteers will be delivering the meals just before lunch time.
  - c. Christmas is for Kids
    - i. Bishop Feehan Santa Shop has 25 families attending it
    - ii. We have Adopt a Family through our office which includes children under 13 and older children are also accepted but are not guaranteed
    - iii. Gift cards for drug stores such as CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid are accepted to help seniors with prescriptions and families on food stamps that need toiletries
  - d. Job Descriptions
    - i. Assistant Director Job Description has been written up and handed to the Town Administrator. The Assistant Director will still be doing outreach work as well as assisting the Director. The Assistant Director **MUST** be SHINE Certified
- 6. Directors Report
  - a. Town Meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015 @ 7pm
    - i. The Senior Center is asking for payment to be reimbursed for relocating the tenants
    - ii. Article 9: To vote to reclassify the Department of Human Services to COA. 10 years ago it was voted by the Town to change the COA to a Human Services
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Members Speak
  - a. Chris is disappointed in the scheduling of the meetings. Meetings have been cancelled at the last minute and schedule for different days.
  - b. Chris mentioned Monday, November 30 @ 7pm is the Town Meeting at the Seekonk High School
  - c. Beverly mentioned December 3 at 6pm is the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting at Town Hall
  - d. Beverly mentioned the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town will be back in Seekonk at the Grand Ballroom at the Clarion Hotel on March 8, 2016 and the snow date is March 9, 2016
- 9. Public Speaks
- 10. Next Meeting.
  - a. December 14 at 3:30pm
- 11. Adjourn
  - a. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion to adjourn
  - b. **SECOND:** Anita second the motion
  - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous