

**Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 17 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 October 27, 2014
  - a. **MOTION:** Anne makes a motion to approve the minutes
  - b. **SECOND:** Chris seconds the motion
  - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous
4. Old Business
5. New Business
  - a. Work Session
    - i. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion to enter a work session at 3:35pm
    - ii. **SECOND:** Beverly second the motion
    - iii. **VOTE:** Unanimous
  - b. Transportation
    - i. Bernie spoke with Frank Gay from GATRA. She is working with him to obtain transportation for the Senior Center. Bernie would like to see the commitment.
    - ii. Swansea does 40,000 rides a month including day care
    - iii. GATRA would provide the van and Bernie would use volunteers or paid help
    - iv. Cost analysis for GATRA drivers versus paid drivers.
    - v. Beverly's insurance will allow her to transport seniors to appointments. Bruce gave Bernie a form for volunteer driver
    - vi. Somerset pays approximately \$60,000 for the year with 7,000 rides per month
    - vii. Chris went to the Town Clerk and Planning Board. Chris has a map for the breakdown of seniors throughout the Town
    - viii. Town Census
      1. 65 and over as of 1/1/2010 2,289
      2. 60 and over as of 1/1/2014 3,680
    - ix. Baby boomers is the fastest growing segment
    - x. Bernie would like GATRA to provide social transportation (activities, back & forth to the senior center)
    - xi. Chris said if we use GATRA and a bus breaks down then GATRA would have a bus replacement but if the Town had a van and it broke down we would be without
    - xii. We would be dealing with dialysis patients as well which can take more time
    - xiii. GATRA gets reimbursed by the Town of Seekonk, it comes off the cherry sheet, and Seekonk pays more because of the surrounding train station.
    - xiv. Guy asked Bernie to get a cost analysis prepared
    - xv. Vicki said to get an accurate account for 60 and older

- xvi. Chris says we need to a representative from SRPEDD and Town Administrator present
  - xvii. Chris asked to get an RSVP a week prior to the December 15 meeting
  - xviii. Vicki would like the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen present
  - xix. Bernie will contact SRPEDD about the Transportation Focus Point
  - c. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion to exit the work session at 4:22pm
  - d. **SECOND:** Rene second the motion
  - e. **VOTE:** Unanimous
6. Directors Report
- a. We have 77 baskets being done by the Turkey Brigade
  - b. Rod & Gun club donate baskets
  - c. Turkey Baskets will be delivered Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 1pm to 3pm
  - d. Christmas is for Kids is for children ages 13 and under
  - e. Bishop Feehan Santa Shop is 13 and under
  - f. Social Security presentation is 12/3/2014
  - g. Christmas Party 12/10/2014
  - h. Medicare Part D is ending December 7
7. Other Business
8. Members Speak
- a. Chris – Fall Town Meeting tonight at 7pm at the Seekonk High School
  - b.
9. Next Meeting
- a. Monday, December 15, 2014 @ 3:30pm regarding transportation
10. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to adjourn at 4:35pm
- a. **SECOND:** Rene second the motion
  - b. **VOTE:** Unanimous