

Seekonk Human Services Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2014 @ 3:30pm
Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

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

1. Open meeting at 3:30pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes from January 6, 2014
 - a. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to accept the minutes
 - b. **SECOND:** Beverly second the motion
 - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous
4. Old Business
 - a. Valentine's Day Party
 - i. Anne noted that very few people attended
 - ii. Anne noticed that the activity attendance has decreased
 - iii. Chris said we need to find out what people want
 - iv. Bernie said in the next newsletter we will bring up program suggestions
 - v. Create a feedback form to find out what people's opinions are after the activity
 - vi. Anne said to confirm speakers about 2 days before
 - b. New Building
 - i. Last item on the agenda for Tuesday, February 25 @ 7pm
 - ii. This meeting is to move the current funds from building a senior center to purchasing a preexisting building
 - iii. Chris asked if there was an 800K grant. Bernie said the deadline was November 1 and the previous Town Administrator did not want to go through the grant process
 - c. Fuel Assistance
 - i. Oil prices are rising
 - ii. About \$6500 of fuel assistance has been used since January 2013
 - iii. Oil applications have been processed first
 - iv. Ashley went over income guidelines to qualify for assistance, single family households is about 31,000, two person households is about 41,000, three person households is about 51,000 and four family households is about 61,000
 - d. Conflict of Interest
 - i. Letter to define the conflict of interest clearly to be sent to Town Administrator, Board of Selectman and Town Counsel
 - ii. The conflict of interest needs to be signed off by the board members to say they received it
5. New Business
 - a. Trips 2014
 - i. Fenway park has been requested
 - ii. Town is doing Duck Tours & Fenway Park
 - iii. Change lettering from blue to red in the newsletter

- iv. Mention on the calendar page to turn it over for the trip information
 - v. Contact East Providence to post Seekonk Trips
 - vi. Foxwoods has been cancelled for lack of interest
 - vii. Atlantic City may be cancelled
- b. Spring Plans
- i. Bernie is leaving March 26 to go to Florida for two weeks
 - ii. New building information should be coming to light
 - iii. Mark Searles will be here on March 5
 - iv. The men at the breakfast enjoy Bonnie Ryvicker from the VNA
 - v. Michelle Beneski will be coming to speak on elder law, she is one of two lawyers in the state who specialize in elder law
 - vi. Alzheimer's will be presented on April 2
 - vii. AARP Drivers class for discount rate, safety and awareness with an included luncheon will be on April 23
 - viii. Art classes will be resuming in March, anyone who is interested can call the office
6. Directors Report
- a. Circuit Breaker tax break depends on your income, property tax and water bill
7. Other Business
- a. Special Town Meeting Tuesday, February 25th at 7pm at the Seekonk High School
8. Members Speak
- a. Beverly sold \$130 worth of cards at the polls in February. Stop & Shop is still doing the monthly raffles for the senior center
 - b. Chris thanks Beverly Della Grotta, Ruth Santos, Anne Libby and Barbara Goodman for their hours of volunteer work
 - c. Bernie is still trying to find a nurse to continue the Cardiac Prevention Clinic
9. Next Meeting
- a. March 24, 2014 @ 3:30pm
10. **MOTION:** Anne made a motion to adjourn at 4:30pm
- a. **SECOND:** Chris second the motion
 - b. **VOTE:** Unanimous