

Minutes of the Social Services Commission
Jan. 14, 2010 – Senior Center - 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Ernie Petkovich, Ruth Clark, Linda Formanek, Shirley Edmonds Van Allen

Absent: F. Roebelen, D. Reed Brown, S. Leahey

Also present: Selectman Eileen Moncrief, liaison from the Board of Selectmen

Directors Peter Black, Paula Pasco

Chairman Ernie Petkovich called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Minutes – The minutes of the December 10, 2009 were voted approved.

Budget Reviews:

*Janet Frechette, Director, was not present as her EAA Board had not met, and the contract with the Town will be reviewed at their next meeting.

*Denise Winiarski, MiniBus Director, sent copies of her budget to the members. It is noted that her budget remains the same.

*Paula Pascoe, Senior Center Director, was present and distributed her budget. She is requested three additional hours for her Administrative Assistant. She presented her 2009-2010 budget with her proposed budget for 2010- 2011. She projects that her 2010 2011 budget will be approximately \$2,700 less than the 2009 - 2010 budget. She will not have the rent line item in the 2010 2011 budget. She reported that residents contributed approximately \$25,000 in response to the fund raising letter. All in all, private contributions (non municipal funds) have raised \$276,000. This is an incredible achievement.

*Peter Black, Youth Services Director, presented his proposed 2010-2011 budget; it is the same budget as 2009-2010.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Petkovich noted that he had approximately 55 requests for CHOICES counseling, i.e. Medicare, Part D.

It was noted that the Commission had requested the Directors ask for their real budget needs, documenting the need for new line items. This reflects the true cost or requirements of the department. Often due to budget restraints, new items are not funded, but it is important to document the need when it arises.

Old Business: Ms. Van Allen will inquire about the availability of after school programs and report to the Commission at a future meeting.

New Business: The Chairman noted that we will need a new commission member in 2010, and it is hoped to recruit a resident with children. This will be an Agenda item at the next meeting. Members are asked for their recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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