

Minutes of the June 10, 2010 Social Services Commission Meeting
New Senior Center – 8:15 a.m

Members present: Ernie Petkovich, Faith Roebelen, Shirley Edmonds Van Allen, Ruth Clark, Sarah Leahey, David Reed Brown Absent: L. Formanek
Directors present: Paula Pascoe, Janet Frechette Excused, Peter Black Absent: Denise Winiarksi
Also present: Sharon Kozaczka

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

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes of the May 13 meeting: David Reed Brown moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded. The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Directors' Reports

Social Services – Director **Janet Frechette** distributed her written report. She noted that the staff processed 233 State applications for Fuel Aid; 246 applications were taken last year. Operation Fuel funds continue to be available till the end of June. Applications are being taken for funding under the Renter's Rebate program. Meals-On-Wheels could use more volunteers during the summer months. The Juvenile Review Board met and heard several cases. The EAA is planning an Open House, June 12 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

Youth Services – **Director Peter Black** could not attend today, so he asked David Reed Brown, to make a verbal report for him. Mr. Reed Brown reported that the programs are wrapping up in the schools. The Annual End of Year Picnic at McAlister School was very successful. Mr. Black flipped approximately 7000 hamburgers. The Juvenile Review Board met, and is functioning well.

Senior Center – **Director Paula Pascoe** distributed her written report. She reviewed the statistics from the senior registration from 2/1/2010 to 6/10/2010. The total count was 358; 210 or 58.7% were from Suffield. She also reported 53 registered volunteers. She noted that the Suffield Garden Club had donated \$5,000 for landscaping. Those registered would be sent a registration card to be used each time one used the Senior Center; it would track attendance.

Chairman's Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: David Reed Brown wanted to alert the Commission about the future. The State has had its bond rating lowered, and faces a 4 billion dollar deficit and he fears for the future. How are we going to take care of our seniors if funding is cancelled.

Mr. Petkovich noted that Suffield owes Paula Pascoe and Patrick McMahon a debt of gratitude for such a fantastic job of fund raising and promoting the Senior Center Project. The Permanent Building Commission had done a great job, managing the Project. Director Pascoe took the members of the Commission on a tour of the new facility. The members were much impressed with the new facility and the well designed use of space. Mr. Petkovich noted that the Commission will not meet during July or August. He could call a special meeting if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The tour followed the adjournment.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary ss.MINUTES.JUNE.10.2010