

Minutes of the Social Services Commission
June 14, 2012 – Senior Center – 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Faith Roebelen, Ruth Clark, Bridget Fidler, Macia Dufore, Sharon Skozaczka Absent; Rob Michalman,
Present: Directors Denise Winiarski and Janet Frechette
Directors Peter Black, and Paula Pascoe, absent

Chairman Faith Roebelen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. She introduced Mr. Bob Brooks who will be appointed to the Commission at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: The minutes of the May 10 meeting were voted approved and accepted.

Directors' Reports:

Director Janet Frechette, EAA Delivery of Suffield Social Services, distributed her written report. Applications are being taken for the Renter's Rebate program and applications can be taken until Sept. 15, 2012. The Energy Assistance program is winding down; Operation Fuel is still a funding resource for residents dealing with utility shut-off notices. The EAA had a prepay contract for oil with Triano; due to the atypical winter, we have a credit that may be applied to a contract for the upcoming heating season. The Meals-On-Wheels program is going well. We are in the process of creating a MOW newsletter to send out to our volunteers. She reported that the Volunteer Appreciation event went well on May 22 and 119 volunteers and their guests attended. The Health Department paid a visit, and it should be noted that while the caterer passed inspection, the Health Department was particularly impressed with the cleanliness of the Senior Center kitchen.

Director Denise Winiarski, Suffield Mini Bus, distributed her written report. She noted that during May, 939 passengers traveled 7,774 miles, with an average of 43 riders per day for 22 days of service. Fuel usage: 780 gallons. She noted that most of her destinations are for medical appointments. Mini Bus has 3 buses and 3 cars. She also noted that the part time drivers will receive a pay increase in the next fiscal year's budget.

Ms. Dufore reported that the Relay for Life, despite the weather, had a good turnout, and earned approximately \$106,000. Ms. Fidler reported that the First Church, Congregational, had voted approval for funding for studies relating to the parsonage use.

The Chairman noted that the Commission does not meet in July or August; but if the need arises, she can call a Special Meeting. The next meeting will be Sept. 13.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary SS.Minutes.June.14.2012

