

Minutes of the Social Services Commission
June 13, 2013 – Senior Center – 8:30 a.m.

Members: Bob Brooks, Ruth Clark, Faith Roebelen, Marcia Dufore
Absent: R. Michalman, B. Fidler, S. Kozaczka
Also present: Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

Vice Chairman Bob Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: Ms. Roebelen moved to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2013 meeting; Ms. Clark seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Directors' Reports

Paula Pascoe, Director of the Senior Center - She reported that all the proposed programs mentioned in the May meeting minutes have been confirmed. She noted that the free self defense course starts July 1, 2013. The instructor will be Police Officer Peter Osowiecki.

Janet Frechette, Director of the EAA, Social Services – Applications are being taken for the Renter's Rebate program, and can be submitted until Oct. 1, 2013. Operation Fuel is still a fund resource for residents dealing with a utility crisis. Operation Fuel provides a one time payment of up to \$500. The Meals-On-Wheels program is going well. Creative scheduling is imperative to cover vacationing volunteers through the summer months. The Mail Carrier's Food Drive went well; we rely heavily on these donations to carry us into the fall. A new program, Forward Focus, targets financial obstacles to goal achievement for teens and young adults known to the EAA. This program has had a very positive beginning.

Denise Winiarski, Director of the Mini Bus – distributed her written report. She submitted April and May statistics:
April – 836 passengers, traveled 8,250 miles, 22 days of service, 38 passengers per day (average) and vehicles used 686 gallons of fuel.
May – 848 passengers, traveled 7,765 miles, 22 days of service, 38 passengers per day (average) and vehicles used 724 gallons of fuel.
The vehicles have been inspected by the DMV; and everything passed.

Peter Black, Director of Youth Services - Mr. Black reported he had a very busy month. Two week end trips to Camp Jewel and to Cape Cod – lighthouse trip were successful. The Gaming Group is going well. The Juvenile Review Board is very busy. This board is a great resource for the Town. He reported that we have one student, accepted on scholarship to the Wilderness Program.

Members were reminded that the Social Services Commission does not meet during July or August. The Chairman can call a Special Meeting at any time if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary SS.Minutes.June.13.2013