

Minutes of the Social Services Commission Meeting
April 10, 2014 Senior Center – 8:30 a.m.

Members present:

Rob Michalman, Ruth Clark, Bridget Fidler, Sharon Kozaczka, Marcia Dufore
Bob Brooks Absent: Faith Roebelen

Directors present: Janet Frechette, Paula Pascoe, and Denise Winiarski

Chairman Michalman called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: Ms. Clark moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting; the motion was seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Directors' Reports

Paula Pascoe, Senior Center Director, reported that there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Sunday May 4, 2014. On May 20, 2014 representatives from the Felician Sisters and Adult Day program will talk about their programs.

Janet Frechette, Director, Delivery of Town of Suffield Social Services, distributed her written report. The State program for Fuel Aid is still open until May 1, 2014 for applicants heating with electric or gas. Operation Fuel applications can come from persons that heat with electric or gas. We have until May 30 to use up our allocation. Private Fuel: This is still a resource and the only option currently available for residents that heat with oil or propane. Meals-on-Wheels volunteers are going to CRT on April 21 for a recognition breakfast. Thanks to the Mini Bus again this year, the volunteers will be chauffeured. The Police Food Drive is scheduled for April 26 from 9 a.m. – til 2 p.m. at Highland Park. The timing is planned to coincide with the annual Feinstein Challenge period.

Denise Winiarski, Director of Suffield Mini Bus, distributed her written report. She has been to the Board of Selectmen requesting and receiving approval to go to the Board of Finance to replace the Dodge Caravan with a new vehicle that Mini Bus will purchase through funds in their reserve fund. There will be no capital expenditure for the Town. During March, 666 passengers traveled 7,385 miles, with the average ridership of 32 per day, during 21 days of service and vehicles used 696.26 gallons of fuel.

Chairman's update – Youth Services Director's position - **Chairman Michalman** reported that he and Bob Brooks have been actively working with the First Selectman and the Human Resources Director, reviewing applications, interviewing the several candidates. There have been three 3 candidates. One has withdrawn their application. There are viable candidates available. But the procedure to complete the interviews and make a decision has been very slow. Chairman Michalman and Mr. Brooks have been waiting for the First Selectman to make a decision or to refer the decision of choice of a

new Youth Services Director back to the Social Services Commission so they may make a recommendation. The Commission strongly urges the First Selectman to make a hiring decision, so the new Director can be aboard and can take advantage of summer programs for the young people.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary SS.Minutes.April.10.2014