

Minutes of the Social Services Commission
March 11, 2010 – Senior Center – 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Ernie Petkovich, Sarah Leahey, Faith Roebelen, David Reed Brown, Shirley Edmonds Van Allen Absent: L. Formanek, R. Clark
E.Moncrief Directors present: Paula Pasco, Peter Black, Janet Frechette

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

Citizen Comment: none

Minutes – The minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting were approved by unanimous vote. For the record, the February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Directors' Reports –

Senior Center Director Paula Pasco distributed her written report. The Senior Center is expected to open July 1. Paula and MaryLou, her administrative aid, are now QFO, (Quality Food Operator) certified. To date, we have raised almost \$287,000 through grants and private donations toward the renovation of the new Senior Center. We have also raised over \$61,000 through grants and private donations that are specified for things outside the scope of the renovations, but for the new Senior Center.

MiniBus Director Denise Winiarski provided her written report for January and February. Numbers for February 2010: 560 passengers, 4,151 miles traveled, 16 service days, and buses used 504 gallons of gasoline. An application for a new vehicle through grant #5310 has been submitted.

Director Janet Frechette, EAA, distributed her written report. To date, approximately 210 applications for the state program for fuel aid were received. Meals-On-Wheels – There is a need for more volunteers. The Town has received from the Emergency Food & Shelter Program, \$1,214.00. This is \$500 less than last year. To promote nutrition and socialization during the typically lower attendance months at the Senior Center, the EAA provided free lunches several days in January and February. This successful program began in 2009.

Youth Services Director Peter Black distributed his written report.

The high school is offering an entire day program aimed at words, titles, phrases, and jokes that hurt others. The Anti Defamation League is training the trainers to offer and run the event for the entire student body. There are 31 individuals and families receiving services.

Election of Vice Chairman – David Reed Brown was unanimously elected to serve as Vice Chairman. Chairman Petkovich congratulated Mr. Reed Brown, and thanked Sarah Leahey for her past service as Vice Chairman and six years serving as a member of the Social Services Commission.

*Old Business

Shirley Edmonds Van Allen brought a list of co-curricular offerings that are available at the High School. She has not managed a contact at the Middle School yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary
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