

**Minutes of the Social Services Commission**  
**Oct. 11, 2012 – Senior Center – 8:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Faith Roebelen, Ruth Clark, Bridget Fidler, Bob Brooks, Sharon Kozaczka, Marcia Dufure, Absent: R. Michalman

Also present: Directors Paula Pascoe, Denise Winiarski, Peter Black

Chairman Faith Roebelen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: Ms. Dufore moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 13 regular meeting and the minutes of the Special Meeting, Sept. 20, 2012; Ms. Clark seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Directors' Reports

**Janet Frechette, Town Social Services**, was not present, but she sent her report to the Commission and the written report was distributed and reviewed.

**Paula Pascoe, Senior Center Director**, distributed her written report. She reported a membership of 4,404 and noted 36 new members have joined since July 1 2012. She stated that volunteers have logged in approximately 936 hours. She reviewed new programs occurring in October and November.

**Denise Winiarski, Mini Bus Director**, distributed her written report. She presented ridership statistics, noting that in September, 684 passengers, traveled 6,648 miles, 35 passengers per day, during 19 days of service. She is waiting for the delivery of the new bus #18. The retired bus #15 will be sold. She stated that riders from West Suffield take more time (due to increased mileage) and sometimes schedules have to be adjusted.

**Peter Black, Youth Services Director**, distributed his written report. He stated that the new school year is off to a busy and interesting start. The MILD( Men in Life's Discovery) group has begun in the middle school with 11 students. The first outing will be a ropes day of team building October 24. The MILD group in the High School begins next week with 10 students. The Juvenile Review Board has interviewed 7 cases during the last two sessions; the JRB is functioning very well. Mr. Black is presently working with 12 individual and families.

Executive Session: Personnel Issue - The Directors left the meeting at this time.

Ms. Dufore moved to enter Executive Session; Ms. Fidler seconded. The meeting was voted into Executive Session at 9:18 a.m. The meeting entered Open Session at 9:40 a.m. No formal action taken.

The Chairman stated that Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Commission will be on the November 8 meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary SS.Minutes.Oct.11.2012