

TOWN OF HOPKINTON  
HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 4, 2018 – 4:30 pm

TOWN HALL

Present: Marilyn Bresaw, Gordon Crouch, Allita Paine, Luciele Gaskill, and Dawn Berry

Absent: Nan McNicholas

The committee approved the June 5, 2018 Minutes and the August 7, 2018 Minutes

Old Business

- **Updates from Marilyn Bresaw about services to town this past month**
  - Back-to-School Program: 41 students received supplies and clothing to go back to school. This is comparable to last year (44 students). All students that needed school supplies received them.
  - Food Pantry: 50 families are being served at the food pantry
  - Budget: The budget process has started. Marilyn will submit her budget by October 15. She will request the same budget that she had this year.
  - Fuel Assistance: Marilyn commented that fuel prices have gone up about a dollar. She wonders what impact the cancellation of the Contoocook Carry will have on providing fuel assistance.
- **Revisit ideas brainstormed at August meeting for a fall or spring program**
  - The suggestion for a fall program of helping seniors with fall chores will be picked up by Rotary. They are thinking about Saturday, Oct. 27. Rotary will start with just Rotarians and their families as the volunteers. We can cross this idea off of our list.
  - Regarding the August discussion about the VNA program on Aging Mastery at the Senior Center that was cancelled, only one person had signed up. The committee wondered if we should try again in the spring? Or another year? Or perhaps have it at the churches instead?

- Regarding the August discussion about the declining use of the Senior Center by those coming into senior life, it was suggested that sending invitations to the Senior Center might help draw younger seniors. Marilyn will look into this idea.
  - Regarding the August discussion about Mary Reidy, a retired nurse, offering to accompany people to doctor's appointments, Marilyn reports that we can cross this idea off of our list because of liability issues. Marilyn suggests that Mary talk to Dial-A-Ride.
  - Regarding the August discussion about welcoming diversity in community, Dawn reports that the school system has had numerous events from the viewpoint of the victim, and we can cross this idea off of our list.
- **A possible new idea for a spring program**
    - Marilyn shared that the types of presentations that really interest her have to do with informing people about Medicaid, Medicare, and long term care. She feels it's especially important to talk with families who haven't made plans and don't have a lot of funds. Included in this type of presentation might be information on end-of-life paperwork and wishes, and talking about trusts. The committee thought that perhaps we might be able to offer something like this in the spring.

New Business

No new business

Next Meeting November 13 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

Submitted by:  
Gordon Crouch  
Committee Secretary  
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