

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 19, 2017 – 3:30 pm

TOWN HALL

Present: Marilyn Bresaw, Karen Dufault, Gordon Crouch, Allita Paine, Luciele Gaskill, and Betsy Wilder

The committee approved the June 6, 2017 Minutes.

Old Business

- **Fall Forum Planning** – “People Don’t Plan to Fail, They Fail to Plan” (probate issues, long-term care options, and funeral/remembrance choices) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 2-4pm at the Community Room of the Hopkinton Library. Jane Bradstreet, Wayne Blanchard, and Bud Hancock will be presenters, with question-and-answer to follow each speaker.

Betsy had 3 different fliers created for the event. The committee chose one. Betsy will send it out electronically to committee members, to St. Andrew’s Church, and to Susan Covert for her email list. Karen will email it to St. Theresa’s Church; and Gordon will email it to First Church, Countryside Community Church, and the Contoocook United Methodist Church. Marilyn will print 30 color copies of this flier, and it will be posted by committee members in about 20 different places around town.

We reviewed and made edits to a description of the forum that Allita had composed. Allita will email an updated description to each committee member. Each of the churches will be emailed a description by the committee members listed above. Marilyn will email a description to Kathleen Butcher at the Concord Monitor, and Karen will send one to The Villager.

Committee members will arrive at 1pm to set up. Betsy and Gordon cannot attend. Committee members will provide cookies, Marilyn will provide water, and Betsy will provide 2 gallons of cider and mini-cups.

Marilyn will talk with Karen Robertson and Neal Cass to get permission for putting up sandwich boards in front of the tax collector's office and town hall. Betsy and Karen will put the signs together on Oct. 4.

- **Charge to Our Committee** – The updates to our charge were approved by the Select Board. Gordon will ask Neal Cass to email him a copy of the approved, updated charge to be included with the minutes. (attached)

Updates from Marilyn

- **Back-to-School Backpack Program** was a success. 44 students received supplies and clothing to go back to school. The budget came out within \$15.
- **Got Lunch** is supporting 12-14 families (2 new ones, lost some). Judy McPhail is not sure if she will distribute on Friday nights or Sundays (once a month). The school nurse said that students coming to her for a snack was minimal, and she can handle it. She thought once a month lunch was more beneficial. There was a problem with the milk vouchers. Someone at Colonial thought they were being copied and shared. Money from the citrus fundraiser will go toward Got Lunch.
- Marilyn is concerned about running out of fuel assistance funds now that she is not receiving as much from the Contoocook Carry. Marilyn is making sure that the elderly are getting federal fuel assistance applications. The application period is open now.
- Marilyn's budget has to be submitted by Oct. 13.

Next Meeting – Nov. 7 at 3:30 PM

- Marilyn will update us on her budget
- Marilyn will know about federal fuel assistance
- Operation Christmas will be started
- Thanksgiving food baskets will be in full swing

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM

Submitted by:
Gordon Crouch
Committee Secretary
November 7, 2017