

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 7, 2017 – 3:30 pm

TOWN HALL

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

Absent: Luciele Gaskill

The committee approved the September 9, 2017 Minutes.

Old Business

- **Fall Forum** – “People Don’t Plan to Fail, They Fail to Plan” (probate issues, long-term care options, and funeral/remembrance choices). This event, scheduled for Oct. 21, was cancelled because two out of the three speakers could not attend. The committee still feels there is a desire and a need, and so maybe we will try again in the spring.
- **Marilyn’s Update** – Marilyn presented the budget to the Select Board last night, asking for \$55,000. She has spent only \$33,000 out of her budget. She has also spent \$6,000 out of her \$17,000 energy assistance account, and she has spent \$6,000 out of her \$12,000 donations account. Hopkinton Rotary has given \$4,000 to her energy assistance account.

The only requests for funding are from Community Action Program (of Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.) and CASA. If we support their request, our committee has to write on their behalf to the Select Board. We will discuss these two requests at the January meeting. There may be other requests as well.

New Business

- **Operation Christmas** – The lists are coming in. There may be more households than the number that receive Thanksgiving boxes. Probably 80+ families. Gordon will get some college kids to help unload Christmas delivery truck on Friday, Dec. 22, around 9:00 AM at the Slusser Center.
- **Thanksgiving** - There are 66 families that will receive Thanksgiving boxes. First Church youth group delivers the boxes. The Boy Scouts did the food drive on Saturday, Nov. 4. First Church, St. Andrew's, and Contoocook UMC are all doing food drives for the Thanksgiving boxes.
- **Medicare** – Medicare sign-ups are going on now. Marilyn is doing comparisons for people to make sure they get the best policy.
- **Fuel Assistance** – Marilyn has not received a donation from the Contoocook Carry, which is unusual. The Town of Warner is covering us for fuel assistance.
- **Potato Project** – 400 pounds of potatoes from the Potato Project are coming on Saturday, Nov. 11. They come from Maine and are for the Thanksgiving boxes. Contoocook UMC has a connection to the Potato Project.

Next Meeting – No December meeting. We will meet January 9 at 3:30 PM.

- Gordon will not be able to attend the January meeting, but Allita will take minutes

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM

Submitted by:
Gordon Crouch
Committee Secretary
November 7, 2017