

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
HUMAN SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 5, 2018 – 4:30 pm

TOWN HALL

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

The committee approved the March 6, 2018 Minutes and the April 3, 2018 Minutes

Old Business

- **Forum – Arranging Final Arrangements** – The forum on Wednesday, April 18, at 1:00 PM at the Slusser Senior Center had about 20 people in attendance. Presenters were Terry Odell (interfaith minister), Bob Gerseny (town cemetery trustee), and Sue Belliveau (State Veterans Cemetery). There was good feedback in that people thought it was informative. Marilyn thought the library might get more people, and maybe to hold it in the evening instead of the middle of the day. It was thought that maybe we could do it again in two years. If so, it was suggested that we might include end-of-life wishes and durable power of attorney. It would be nice to draw more people.
- **Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Event** – The appreciation dinner for food pantry volunteers was held Thursday, May 17, at 6:00 PM at the Slusser Senior Center. About 20 volunteers attended, which is lower than previously. There are about 35 or so volunteers in total. We know that at least 3 people had a conflict with the Rock N Race event that night. The committee thought it worked well not to rush dessert and allow people to sit and visit since they don't see each other while volunteering. The committee feels this event is worth continuing. The idea is that we will honor some volunteer group in the community. For instance, there was an appreciation dinner for the Lions a couple of years ago (the Lions give a lot of money to human services needs). Maybe combine the Lions and the food pantry for the dinner appreciation for next year?

New Business

- **Updates from Marilyn about summer programs**
 - The Human Services budget is on track through May
 - Marilyn is collecting money for summer camp scholarships
 - There are plenty of funds in the fuel assistance account and the donations account
 - Collections for back-to-school supplies will be starting in July, and Marilyn will start soliciting now
 - Got Lunch – Judy McPhail and Marilyn collect and distribute the supplies for these kids
 - WorkCamp NE – 7 or 8 households to be assisted in Hopkinton for the first two weeks of July, as well as some additional households outside of Hopkinton
- **Ideas for Committee Projects/Events for Fall 2018-Spring 2019**
 - Can we get kids or groups to do raking and odd jobs that Marilyn identifies?
 - Mentoring, even older kids right out of school, who are lost
 - Elderly who are alone

Next Meeting August 7 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Submitted by:
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Committee Secretary
September 4, 2018