

Human Services Advisory Committee  
March 7, 2022

Present: Alicia Presti, Allita Paine, Dawn Berry, and Mary Reidy

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Allita Paine, at 4 pm. The minutes of February 1, 2022 were approved. Allita shared her letter to the Select Board stating that her term was expiring, and she did not plan to renew. We thanked Allita for her leadership over these years.

Report of the Human Services Director

- Redeterminations for eligibility for State Benefits and the Hopkinton food pantry were due this month and completed.
- Alicia also recruited more volunteers for the food pantry to be trained as substitutes and when the pantry goes back to weekly, they will be prepared with additional workers.
- She also recruited another packer and driver.
- Alicia did welfare checks on older citizens and Mary Reidy also did some visiting.
- Alicia attended the NH Welfare Quarterly Meeting on zoom which allowed her to meet other people working in this field. The timely topic was about housing.
- Human Services is collaborating with Dial a Ride to deliver meals to homebound seniors and also to bring seniors to the Center for a meal. Dial a Ride may have time to visit for a welfare check with those seniors they are contacting.
- Alicia worked with high school students on logo and there was an expression of interest.
- Camp registrations are opening up and Human Services will be seeking donations for scholarships, followed by the Back to School program of donations, then Christmas.
- During February, \$1225 was spent for rent assistance; and heating assistance was \$940.53 which came from the fund of donations.

Publicity Board and Table at Town Meeting

We brainstormed the content of the Poster Board and worked on it.

- ✓ Purpose of the Human Services Advisory Committee
- ✓ Types of Services
- ✓ Graphs of how money is spent
- ✓ Donations needed
- ✓ Pamphlets
- ✓ Business Cards
- ✓ Pictures
- ✓ Candy - Allita will provide
- ✓ Dawn will sit at the Table with Alicia and arrival time is 8:30 am.

The meeting concluded around 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn C. Berry

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 5 AT 4 PM. THE SLUSSER CENTER

