

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2019 – 4:30 – 5:40 PM
TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Marilyn Bresaw, Allita Paine, Nan McNicholas

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2019 were not available for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Updates from Marilyn:
 - Camp scholarships were given to 16 students covering 44 weeks of camp; this compares with 19 students in 2018.
 - The Back to School program helped 28 students with school supplies and/or clothes.
 - As of the end of September, \$31,974 or 63% of the human services budget had been spent (at 75% of the budget year); upcoming cold weather may require a faster rate of expenditure for fuel. Marilyn will still request a \$50,000 budget for 2020 as this is the amount usually required to meet needs.
 - Regarding homeless people in Hopkinton, young adults generally go to Concord as cold weather ensues since that is where the services are, including the new homeless shelter off South Main Street. Of note is that Manchester is in crisis now because it does provide services which have attracted more homeless than these resources can handle!
 - Marilyn has recently helped 3 families re-locate to communities with lower rent; one of the families had lived here a long time, another for a year, but they were not able to afford this town any longer.
- Presentation by Kathy Ashton – “Decluttering, Downsizing, and Peace of Mind” - October 30 following Lunch at the Senior Center

- Advertisement – Marilyn will work with Robin to create a poster; Marilyn will also send information on the presentation to Susan Covert for email distribution and to Kathy Butcher for publication in the Sunday Monitor.
- Refreshments - None. Water only (as most attendees will have just had lunch).
- Introduction - Nan will introduce Kathy.
- Evaluation Forms – Allita will draft and send out an evaluation form to Advisory Committee members for edits; it will include space for any suggestions that attendees may have for future presentations.
- Newspaper Article – Allita will write and submit a summary (and photo) of the presentation to the Monitor.
- Thank-You Card to Kathy – Nan will take responsibility for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of Events for 2020
 - Marilyn will talk to Paula about our Committee having more programs after the Wednesday Senior Center lunch. One idea is to have Hopkinton Attorney Seth Greenblott do a presentation on trusts, perhaps in February.
 - Another idea is a Valentines Day Dinner on Friday evening, February 14, 2020, at the Senior Center. Marilyn will check the Senior Center schedule and Nan will check the church calendar for events already planned for that date. Dessert would be a heart-shaped cake. Entertainment might include games for social interaction such as Trivia and/or Taboo (word guess game). The room will be appropriately decorated.

DATES of NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 and January 7, 2020.

Please mark your calendars! There will be **no** meeting in December.