

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2019 – 4:30 PM

TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Marilyn Bresaw, Allita Paine, Nan McNicholas, Dawn Berry, Gordon Crouch, Lucielle Gaskill

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2019 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Updates/holiday activities from Marilyn:
 - Marilyn reports staying under budget, having spent \$42k for 2019 thus far, and she anticipates that she will stay within budget. She presented her budget to the Select Board on Nov. 4.
 - She anticipates serving at least 60 households for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and she has received donations for Thanksgiving
 - She will be going to Hopkinton Rotary on Nov. 6 to receive a check for \$4k
- Review of Presentation by Kathy Ashton on Oct. 30
 - 26 in attendance
 - People really enjoyed it, and the evaluations were positive
 - There were some requests to have it take place at night for those who are working
 - Our committee may invite Kathy to give this same presentation again in the spring either at night or on a Saturday

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of Possible Events for 2020
 - We discussed having another gathering in which several topics are presented, perhaps on a Saturday – maybe March 14 or 21

- We discussed inviting Kathy Ashton, Seth Greenblott (to discuss wills and living trusts), and Karen Robertson (Hopkinton Director of Planning, Development, and Building) with someone from the regional planning commission
- Karen Robertson has received inquiries about how to age in place and multi-generational living
- Each would have 10 minutes to present and then meet with attendees informally
- Valentine's Day Dinner
 - Open to anybody
 - Lunch might be better if targeting older folks – soup and salad and bread
 - We discussed possible having a presentation of the topic of tracing a family tree. Gordon will ask Margaret Serzans if she would like to be the presenter
- Marilyn wondered about us organizing a system of calling elderly residents who live alone on a daily basis. Perhaps Dial-A-Ride could do this?

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 7, at 4:30 PM. No meeting in December

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Submitted by:
 Gordon Crouch
 Committee Secretary
 January 7, 2019