

**Shelburne Social Services Committee**  
**Feb. 24, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Present:** S. Furry-Irish, P. Fontaine, E. Limanek, L. Maguire, L. Riell

**Call to Order:** 6:36 pm

**Note Taker:** Linda Riell

**Agenda:** approved

**Citizen Participation:** none

**Minutes:** approved

**Treasurers Report:** Linda Riell reported these amounts: \$13,600 remains in the budget and \$4,478.57 in the Community Fund.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **S. Burlington Community Justice Center:** the request for a grant of **\$2500** grant is approved to assist the Center in creating a division to help serve Shelburne crime victims.
2. **Goals (progress):**
  - Sue has adjusted the language in cover letter that accompanies the check to approved agencies.
  - Peter Frankenberg sent the committee a history of the agencies receiving past grants.
  - Sue sent letters to those agencies we have not yet heard from this fiscal year.
  - Beginning in March, Sue will send reminder letters out to agencies that received grant funds this past year, to report back to the Committee how the funds were used. Agencies should be sending this information 6 months after the grant was received.
  - Discussion: letting Shelburne know how the Social Services Committee is serving the needs of residents. Information similar to that published in the Town Report could be sent to both the Shelburne News and to the Shelburne Professional Business Association weekly newsletter. We also discussed how we might go about hearing from residents as to what else we can do to assist those in need.
  - Action items: Sue and Patricia will create articles for Shelburne News and SBPA (similar to Town Report information). Lou will touch base with his Economic Advisory Group regarding David Leckys work as economic development coordinator, to suggest that David's work ties in with the social fabric of the community and how Social Services might tap into that in order to determine how to better reach out to residents who need help.
3. **Racial Justice Book Group:** Patricia reported that the final group meeting will be before Town Meeting Day. Each member has been encouraged to take action in some way, big or small, a commitment to support racial justice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Town Racial Justice Initiative:** information shared by committee members who were present at the most recent Selectboard Meeting regarding a report about police stops by Shelburne PD (report by a UVM professor who did the study, this information was also published in the most recent Shelburne News). An advisory group has been created (to discuss ways to approach racism), will meet soon and report to the board on March 23. Cate Cross, new selectboard

member, will oversee the group. Town consultant, Sam Jackson, reported to the Selectboard at the same meeting that systemic racism exists in Shelburne, not just within the police department.

2. **Outreach:** discussion held concerning how to better reach individuals, families and agencies who need support. We talked about this in previous agenda item under Goals Progress: 1.) articles to print in Shelburne News, FPF (Sue and Patricia) and SPBA (Lou). 2.) Sue will speak to Georgene regarding thoughts from the Food Shelf. Do they have needs that Social Services could help with? 3.) It's a good idea to share information with other town departments, committees and organizations. 4.) Keep in mind that we can seek to recruit new Social Services members to replace folks as our terms expire.

**NEXT MEETING: March 24 at 6:30 pm**

**ADJOURN: 7:45 pm**