

May 22 Meeting began at 7:03 pm. Georgene, Kristin, Barbra and Linda present. Shelburne resident Lee Suskin attended. John Cronin from the United Way prepared to make a presentation.

Agenda for this evening and minutes from previous meeting approved.

Public comment: Lee Suskin complimented the work of the Committee.

UNITED WAY PRESENTATION: John Cronin (Director of Donor Relations) spoke for about 10 minutes regarding the \$5000 grant request made to the Social Services Committee. A few facts: there are 7,000 annual donors who give to the UW. The donation breakdown is 7% administrative, 14% fundraising costs, 79% delivering services. There is an effective combination of volunteers and staff that helps to procure grant funds.

Topics that were touched upon were: setting the table for people to come together to solve problems, volunteer mobilization, bridges between employers and employees who need support systems, ending chronic homelessness, foster grandparents, English as a second language/working with the employer to bring language to the work place, support for people coming out of prison, waiting list time for opioid addiction rehab has been brought to almost zero.

The UW is asking agencies in every town in Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle counties to help with services and for financial support.

Solid data from the past year showed 515 Shelburne residents were served by the UW in these categories: advancing employment, basic needs; food, healthcare, housing, promoting mental health, supporting families.

The grant request to be discussed later in the evening.

TREASURERS REPORT: Kristina had a document prepared which showed a balance of \$7,607 in the social services account at this point.

GRANT REQUESTS

- \$5000 United Way request is discussed and approved.

- \$2000 Steps to End Domestic Violence request is discussed. It was voted upon to increase the amount in order to bring the budget balance to zero, the grant approved is for \$2607.
- No other requests were made to the committee in the past month and the fiscal year ends on June 30.

PROPOSAL TO DONATE COMMUNITY FUND TO SHELBURNE FOOD SHELF: This discussion continued from last month's meeting. We have \$2000 in the Community Fund (it rolls over) which we have been considering donating to the Food Shelf for use towards non food needs. It was stated that a family can receive up to \$250 in aid per quarter or \$1000 per year.

The Food Shelf has a system in place to evaluate non food requests (whereas the Social Services Comm. has no such system). We would like the Food Shelf to 1.) explain how they determine who has needs and what the requests are and 2.) explain the system to our committee. We hope to have someone from the FS report to us at the June 26 meeting.

Lee Suskin has agreed to help create an agreement with the Food Shelf to give them \$2000 this year and then determine next year's need when we get there.

We will need to put the word out so that residents know they can receive help through the Food Shelf that is not just limited to food. This can be discussed further at the June meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting June 26 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B. Riell