

**Shelburne Social Services Committee**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**  
**Shelburne Town Center**  
**Meeting Room 2**

**Present:** Georgene Grover, Linda Reill, Sue Furry-Irish, Kristina Guerrero-Sylvester, Kristin Prior.

**Call to Order:** 7:04 PM

**Appoint Note Taker:** Sue Furry-Irish

**Consider Approval of Agenda:** Moved discussion of Food Shelf Grant to top of the agenda.

**Citizen Participation:** Opportunity for public comment on committee business that is not included on this agenda- No citizens present.

**Approval May 22nd, 2019 Minutes-** Minutes approved without change. Motion by Linda, 2nd by Sue.

**New Business:**

A. Treasurer's Report-

Kristina reported that the Town Budget Account is spent, hence a balance of \$0.

The Community Fund Account stands at \$4011.45.

B. Proposal to grant Community Fund to Shelburne Food Shelf-

Guests Susan Stock and BettyJean Bogue described both the history of the Food Shelf and the need for emergency nonfood support in Shelburne. They detailed the process the Food Shelf Board and their Emergency Nonfood Aid Committee uses to vet and help people who request assistance, giving us a copy to the application form. They also explained the connections they have with other agencies and the referrals they make to these agencies before using their own funds.

The Social Services Committee does not have these processes in place for individuals (not being a 501c3 organization), so members would like to give Community Funds to the Food Shelf to meet the need for emergency assistance for individuals. We are not able to give a single grant over \$500 without Selectboard approval so we discussed several options:

1. Give \$500 now, and more as requested.
2. Go to Selectboard and request more than \$500, up to the balance in the account.
3. Ask Selectboard to approve change in the Community Fund Charter to allow larger amounts without requiring additional approval.
4. Ask Selectboard to abolish Social Services Community Fund (\$2000 annually) and instead grant the funds directly to the Food Shelf each year for nonfood emergency needs of citizens.

Kristina moved that the committee approve the request by the Shelburne Food Shelf to give \$500 to the Nonfood Aid Fund now, seconded by Sue. Approved unanimously. Georgene will set up a meeting with Jerry Storey to discuss the ideas for the future, Sue will attend if possible.

C. Revise Committee scoring criteria and/or grant deadlines:

There was discussion of whether the needs of disabled should be specific in the scoring criteria form; it was decided that the "vulnerable population" questions was inclusive.

Further discussion focused on created 2 or 3 funding cycle deadlines. We felt deadlines encourage nonprofits to get applications in to the committee and help us budget funds over the year, but as the need is year-round, we'd like to accept applications throughout the year. We felt 2 cycles

might work best, probably October and March. It was decided that Georgene would draft language for the cover letter to agencies recommending deadlines for funding cycles; the committee will review and offer edits as needed.

### **Old Business**

A. John Cronin survey- Members of Committee filled out John Cronin's survey for the United Way and left them with Georgene to return to him.

B. Community Fund disbursement for Camp Scholarship-

We previously approved over \$700 funding to the Angel Fund at SCS for a student in need of a summer camp scholarship. When we discovered that we could only grant \$500 without Selectboard approval, Georgene worked it out with the Angel Fund manager that they would seek other sources for the \$200 plus we could not provided.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2019

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:26 PM