

Shelburne Social Services Committee
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Shelburne Town Center, Mtg. Room 2

Present: G. Grover, K. Prior, S. Furry-Irish, L. Riell

Citizen Participation: Carol Bick

Note Taker: Linda Riell

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Agenda approved

November minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: none, Kristina Guerrero Sylvester has resigned her position. She and Linda Riell will meet, Linda will learn how to take over the Treasurer role and submit a report at the February meeting. Thanks to Kristina for her service to the committee!

OLD BUSINESS:

- UVM Health Network, Home Health and Hospice: Georgene spoke with them regarding the request for funds. Since they already received \$5000 for this fiscal year, they may reapply again for the next round of requests by March 31 (which will be the 2020-21 fiscal year).
- Town Report Booklet: thanks to Georgene for the great narrative explaining the work of the Social Services Committee!
- Recruitment: Carol Bick sat in on the meeting but declined joining the committee. She did have some thoughts on potential folks to ask however. Kristin also had a few people in mind. All committee members should try to come up with possibilities for seats to be filled during this upcoming year. Please try to interest folks in joining this committee!
- Georgene's last meeting will be March. The committee gmail account will be transferred to a new person when she leaves. There are no volunteers as of yet to take over the chair position upon Georgene's departure. Social Services members, won't you please consider stepping into the chairperson role?!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike Ohler Request: Champlain Housing Trust (Harbor Place) submitted letter explaining that a donor has provided funds for bus passes, and asks that they may use the \$500 Social Services grant elsewhere. Georgene will contact Mike and ask for a narrative describing what they would like to use the grant for and then to provide a follow up report.
- Food Shelf Community Fund Grant: Susan Stock has inquired about receiving another \$500 grant for non food item, Georgene will ask her to apply again. Social Services can only approve \$500 at a time, thus the need to apply each time a request is made to use money from this fund.
- The budget amount approved for Social Services by the Selectboard is \$35,000 (level funded) for the 2020-21 fiscal year. This is pending approval of the total town budget vote on Town Meeting Day.
- Selectboard Chair Jerry Storey asked Georgene if we might be interested in participating in some type of volunteer recognition during the presentation of the budget on the night before Town Meeting Day. She replied yes, there will be information forthcoming on what that recognition might look like.

- Thank you letters were received from the following agencies regarding grant funding: Age Well, Champlain Housing Trust, VT Family Network, VT Association for the Blind
- Upcoming Event: Community Rally at Burlington City Hall for Immigrant Rights (voting on a resolution to support immigrant rights) on Tuesday Feb. 18 at 6:30 PM.
- Upcoming Event: Candidates Forum for Shelburne Selectboard on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 PM at Shelburne Town Center Meeting Room 1.
- **NEXT MEETING:** TBD but it sounds like Feb. 19 (change due to school vacation week interfering with the regularly scheduled date of the 26th) confirmation will be emailed soon!

ADJOURN: at 7:15 PM