

**Shelburne Social Services Committee
Wednesday, September 30
Shelburne Town Center, Zoom Meeting**

Present: S. Furry-Irish, E. Limanek, L. Riell

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Notetaker: L. Riell

Agenda modified and approved

Citizen participation: none

August minutes approved

Treasurers Report: Budget is at \$35,000 and Community Fund \$6700. Sue suggests that we look closely at the Community Fund as a spending source when applications warrant such use.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Racial Justice Update: Sue reports that Patricia has begun a new book discussion series based on "How to be An Anti-Racist." They meet via Zoom every other Monday and are off to a good start.
- Social Services Report to Selectboard 8/11: Sue shared a powerpoint presentation via Zoom with Elaine as support. The focus was Social Services requests received since the onset of Covid. The Selectboard was impressed and appreciative of Sue's explanation of the compiled information.
- Update on emails and letters: Sue emailed letters to agencies who have requested funds in the past, explaining that we are in the first round of application reviews for this fiscal year. She was surprised that there were only 3 responses and thought that perhaps technical difficulties prevented some agencies from receiving the email. She will resend to the agency group again. (Linda will review the cover letter and application). Lastly, Linda shared a very appreciative letter thanking Social Services for financial support of Burlington Dismas House.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Grant Application received from VT Agency for the Blind. Following discussion, the (small) \$250 request was approved. Sue will follow up with notification of approval and a reminder that the agency may also apply later in the year when we review the next round of funding.
- We also heard from the Shelburne Craft School and Lund Center, both had questions regarding what the committee looks for when reviewing applications. Sue will follow up with them.
- Discussion regarding October and November Agendas:
- OCTOBER: next meeting will be Wednesday, October 28 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom. Sue will communicate with the No Mas Polimigras group and ask if they can make a brief presentation. They would be first on the agenda, early in the meeting. Other agenda items: review any grant applications received, update plans for Roundtable Discussion.
- NOVEMBER: due to conflict as to where Thanksgiving falls on the calendar, our potential meeting date will be Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom. Our plan is to hold our annual round table discussion meeting on the 18th (with town department and agencies who provide some type of social services to Shelburne residents). Sue will invite the Shelburne Departments and Agencies that participated last year. She will provide them with 4 questions

which will serve to help share information and initiate conversation. If departments are unable to participate via Zoom, Sue will ask them to share their information by email so it can be included at the roundtable. During our October meeting, we'll update the roundtable discussion plan.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 28 @ 6:30 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:06 PM