

Social Services Committee
December 15,2021
Town Office/Zoom

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

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Note taker: L. Riell

Agenda approved

Citizen participation: none

November minutes approved: add P. Fontaine to those present

Treasurers Report: (L. Riell) SS Account \$22,000 and Community Fund \$5978.57

OLD BUSINESS

- Charter change proposal: deferred to later this evening
- Budget: Sue presented to the Selectboard asking for the original amount of funding \$38,000 and \$2000 for the Community Fund. She has not heard back from the board at this point.
- Little Free Food Pantry: (P. Fontaine update) Fisher, the boy scout who designed and built the pantry structure did a fabulous job. It looks like a mini SCHIPS building. Be sure to check it out, located right in front of SCHIPS on the parking lot/entry side of the shop. Fisher also created a pamphlet describing the function of the Little Free Food Pantry which will be distributed to local churches and the Rotary.

There is more working to do in order determine who or what will be the organizing entity, as someone will need to oversee the stocking part of the project. Georgene Grover is in communication with the Food Shelf Board, local churches and Rotary. She hopes to find someone willing to take on this responsibility and is gathering information at this point.

Patricia will give an update in January.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Howard Center: the committee will level fund a grant in the amount of **\$3000** which will assist with delivering mental health services, substance abuse programs and service to those with developmental issues.
2. Town Meeting Report: Sue has written and shared a narrative which will become part of the annual Town Report. The report summarizes the work of the committee and where funds were dispersed this past year. It looks great.

CHARTER CHANGE PROPOSAL: (deferred from above) The committee worked on making changes to the language of the Social Services Charter. We think the changes reflect the mission and actual work of the committee. Sue will email the document to committee members, Sue and Pat will be able to edit it further if needed.

At our next meeting we'll take on reviewing the Community Fund Document. When both documents are finished, they will be presented to the Selectboard for review.

NEXT MEETING 1/26/22 @ 6:30 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:46 PM