

Human Service Council Minutes
Monday, April 22, 2019 @ 3:00pm
Seekonk Human Services Conference Room 108
540 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771

Attendance: Christine Allen, Anne Libby, Terry McGregor, Beverly Della Grotta, Guy Boulay, Josephine Veader, Brittney Faria (Director), & Ashley Cartwright (Assistant Director)

Absent: Irene Andrews

1. Open Meeting at 3:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2019
 - i. **MOTION:** Josephine Veader made a motion to approve the minutes
 - ii. **SECOND:** Christine Allen second the motion
 - iii. **VOTE:** Unanimous
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a. Trips
 - i. Anne Libby noted that in a previous meeting the former director had with Bruce the Town's Finance Director, stated that the volunteers should be paid for the time they help on the trips, this was stated when Anne and Rene were appointed to the trip subcommittee
 - b. Monthly Statistics
 - i. Guy Boulay: Would like to know the maximum amount of fuel assistance allowed. Brittney Faria (Director) noted that the maximum for oil is 100 gallons and that with electricity she encourages the office to call National Grid to work out a payment plan and help with the down payment but not to pay the whole shut off notice
 - ii. Guy Boulay: What is a fax consult for a contact? Brittney stated that the fax consult is when outreach faxes information for a client
 - iii. Guy Boulay: What are tax exemptions? Brittney stated there are applications for clients to fill out that get processed at the assessor's office to determine if a client is eligible to receive money off their real estate taxes
 - iv. Guy Boulay: Asked if there was Mexican Train for Game Day on the Statistics Form. Brittney stated that it was not successful and it will be removed for the next meeting.
6. Directors Report
 - a. Agenda items: Please let Brittney or Beverly know if there is anything of topic that should be discussed
 - b. Volunteer Recognition: Tax work off participants are not eligible unless they exceed the hours of work by 20 hours per the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Council members are not recognized as volunteers with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Volunteers who exceed 20 hours per year are eligible.
7. Other Business
8. Members Speak
 - a. Guy Boulay: Commends the center for posting the Town trash bag location and the Veterans hat that was left at Dunkin Donuts on the Facebook page

- b. Chris Allen: Would like to thank the volunteers for their hours for the month of March; Barbara Goodman, Anne Libby, Nancy Smutek and Josephine Veader
 - c. Brittney Faria: Reached out to the High School Athletic Director and Superintendent to set up a meeting to discuss open swim
9. Public Speaks
- a. Carol Brag
 - i. Senior Property Tax Work Off Program
 - ii. \$750 at \$8 an hour and limited to 10 participants
 - iii. Started in 2006 by Carol and has not been changed or adjusted since
 - iv. Bone Density Program – Bone Builders developed by Tufts Foundation Grant. A certified instruction to teach Bone Density.
10. Next Meeting
- a. Monday, June 24, 2019 @ 3pm
11. Motion to Adjourn
- a. **MOTION:** Guy Boulay made a motion to adjourn at 4:05pm
 - b. **SECOND:** Josephine Veader second the motion
 - c. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Documents received for April 22, 2019 meeting:

- Attendance sign in from March 25, 2019
- March 25, 2019 Minutes
- March 2019
 - Activity Statistics
 - Outreach Emergency Assistance Report
 - Volunteer Station Report
 - Service Statistics for: Brittney Faria, Veronica Brickley and Ashley Cartwright