

Human Service Council Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2019 @ 3:00pm
Seekonk Human Services Conference Room 108
540 Arcade Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771

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

Absent: Brittney Faria (Director, Late to meeting)

1. Call to Order at 3:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes- Monday, April 22, 2019
 - a. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion as amended with corrections to the date of April 22, 2019 instead of March 25, 2019, add Athletic Director to High School and correct spelling of Superintendent
 - b. **SECOND:** Anne second the motion
 - c. **VOTE:** 6 aye, 1 abstained
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a. Silver Tea
 - i. Beverly said it went very well, there will be changes with ordering in meals next year, there was some mix up with the meals ordered and paid for, the meal will change to stuffed chicken breast
 - b. Monthly Statistics/Reports
 - i. Suggestion Box: Sign language and BINGO- Possible Outside picnic tables and benches for outside seating, look into recycled plastic
6. Chairpersons Report
 - a. January 2019 Minutes: Attending activity to have lunches. Bristol Elder Services lunches are open to everyone, catered lunches are open to those who attend the activity. Bristol Elder Services' meals cannot leave the meal site
 - b. February 28, 2018 – Banjo Buddies activity, Beverly would like them to perform again
 - c. March 2018 – Growth in senior client
 - d. April 2018 - Guy requested the EOEIA report that was already passed out by Ashley previously, the EOEIA report is yearly. Beverly Asked about Point of Time Homelessness, Seekonk is not involved. Beverly asked if the indoor walking club would turn into an outdoor walking club
 - e. Walking Club inside over outside
 - f. June 25, 2018 – Make Anita Merits Member, look into it with Brittney
 - g. By Laws states that new officers appointed after July, the next meeting is September, the committee would like to continue with the September meeting, paper ballot for officers for September 2019
 - h. Beverly would like to congratulate Anne on her reappointment, Beverly would like to congratulate the constituent Michelle Hines on her upcoming reappointment
 - i. Chris speaking: Problem with the letter at this time we are anticipating the Council to be moving in a different direction with the expansion of the building which will require consistent attendance of its members, Chris

was appointed in May 2008 after Mary Kazarian, based on minutes starting in 2010 her attendance she has been good 3.26.18 and 1.28.19 minutes need to be amended with Chris Allen's name added in attendance. Chris went to the Town Hall to the TA office to get a revised letter. She explained if she does not get a revised letter she will seek other avenues. Since being on the committee she has only missed 8 meetings in 11 years; in 2010 1 absence, 2011 and 2012 zero absences, 2013 1 absence, 2014 zero absences, 2015 1 absence, 2016 2 absences, 2017 2 absences, 2018 1 absence and in 2019 0 absences.

- ii. By-laws state that boards/committees are only able to miss 5 meetings per year
- iii. Beverly asked – How does Shawn get information to appoint or not reappoint? What influence does Brittney and Ashley have on appointees?
- iv. Guy said Shawn gave two reasons for non-reappointment first the senior center expansion and for attendance, he wants to know why Shawn is cc'ing himself on a letter he is writing and wants to know who is Christine Testa?
- v. Guy also asked who makes the appointments, Chris said Shawn makes his recommendation to the Board of Selectmen
- vi. Chris Allen would like to know the committee's direction, she is asking the committee.
- vii. Ashley stated that the EOEI states that the Council committees should have limited terms
- viii. Ashley also stated that Chris said in June 2018 that they are at will volunteers and can be reappointed or not reappointed
- ix. Chris started off saying she is upset that she only received a letter in the mail. Town Hall has called multiple times and her phone was busy. Rene and the council do not this this was done professionally. The council stated that the letter should come from Shawn.
- x. Chris would like to clear the air with Ashley because Ashley has disparaging things to say in the past. Ashley objected to this conversation stating that if there is an issue it can be talked about in the office not at a public meeting. Beverly said that 1 year ago Ashley told her and Rene that she hopes when Chris comes up for reappointment she does not get reappointed. Ashley does not recall saying this statement.
- i. Beverly wants to know how the trips are handled now that Rene and Anne are not doing them. Ashley stated that she did not know this. Anne said she spoke with Brittney and because they only get 1 half off ticket. Anne no longer wants to do the trips. Ashley explained that Newport Playhouse is the only trip that we do not get a comp ticket for as we have to buy the tickets straight from the playhouse
 - i. Anne said that she was told that they only get 1 trip ticket for half off and that she and Rene are not needed for trips anymore
 - ii. How many times a year can you get the \$50 for trips and still be under the ethics guidelines?

7. Directors Report

- a. Thanked Chris for her years of dedication
- b. Employees wear name tags
- c. Brittney passed social worker test
- d. Bring all questions to Beverly to be mentioned at the meeting

8. Other Business
9. Members Speaks
 - a. Chris said this is the first time she heard she wasn't being reappointed, she said she was already on the agenda on the meeting, she was spoken to about being appointed on the agenda,
 - b. Chris would like to thank the volunteers for their service Phyllis Corbitt, Beverly Della Gotta, Anne Libby, Terry McGregor, Ellie Mills, Nancy Smutek, Josephine Veader for the month of April; Phyllis Corbitt, Beverly Della Grotta, Barbara Goodman, Anne Libby, Mary Anne Rose, Terry McGregor, Ellie Mills, Nancy Smutek and Josephine Veader for the month of May.
 - c. Guy Boulay: He would like to know what direction the council is going in based on the letter that was sent to Chris Allen
 - d. Brittney stated she doesn't know what direction that the letter is speaking of but she does know they are looking for council members who are active volunteers
 - e. Chris asked about her attendance on the letter for her reappointed when she was here
 - f. Pass out amended minutes
 - i. **MOTION:** Chris made a motion to pass out the amended minutes
 - ii. **SECOND** Guy second the motion
 - iii. **VOTE:** Unanimous
 - g. Chris said Michelle has an in so she got in, Brittney said no Michelle is an avid volunteer and is at all our activities to help in the kitchen and volunteer for BINGO
 - h. Ashley states she comes to the meetings to take the minutes
10. Public Speaks
11. Next Meeting
 - a. Monday, September 23, 2019 at 3pm
12. Motion to Adjourn
 - a. **MOTION:** Chris made motion to adjourn at 4:41pm
 - b. **SECOND:** Rene second
 - 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