

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday – April 12, 2018

Town Hall

Attendance: R. Veleber, S. Pappas, S. Stekloff, E. Ryducka, M. Pickett, J. Nann, K. Schechter

Absent: B. Barlok, D. Kelleher, S. Ferrall, S. Theroux, J. Falk

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

NEW MEMBER

The Chairman welcomed new member, John Nann, and introduced the rest of the members.

Approval of January 2018 Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the January minutes.

The Chairman advised Mr. Nann that he is not able to vote on these minutes because he was not part of the Committee in January.

Sue Pappas made a motion to approve the January 2018 minutes.

Sherry Stekloff seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Social Services Report

K. Schechter presented the Social Services Report for February and March.

There were 45 food vouchers distributed for the month of February and 43 food vouchers distributed for the month of March.

The Energy assistance program for fuel deliveries has been extended from March 15 to April 3. For utility heated households the program deadline for eligibility is May 1.

Renters rebate has kicked off in April as in years past.

Senior Services Report:

S. Ferrall was not at the meeting. No information was available.

Town Council Update:

Jeffrey Falk was absent; therefore, there was no update.

Old Business:

Forum Update

Kristen Schechter stated that the forum on opioids is still in the planning stages.

New Business:

Martha Pickett discussed an AARP article regarding cost of electricity. AARP is offering a presentation that explains how to read the electric bill, how to save money on electric rates offered by various electric suppliers and the time limit of each program offer.

The presentation is free of charge. Martha Pickett made a suggestion that the Committee schedule a presentation for members and residents of the town. The Chairman and members agreed that this was an excellent idea.

Martha Pickett will contact AARP for available dates in the Fall. Kristen Schechter will check with Town Hall and the Senior Center to reserve a place to hold this program.

Martha Pickett made a motion to have AARP conduct this presentation; seconded by Sherry Stekloff. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Nominations and elections of new officers

The Chairman explained the roles of the officers and asked if anyone was interested to be nominated for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

After a discussion, the following nominations were presented:

Ruth Veleber, Chairman
Susan Pappas, Vice Chairman
Sherry Stekloff, Secretary

Martha Pickett made a motion to propose the above nominations; seconded by John Nann. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

New Medicare Cards

Kristen Schechter advised the members that new Medicare cards will be issued. The new cards will no longer use the Social Security Number as the ID but a long series of numbers.

She provided a sample for all to see. Discussion ensued about how this change will affect the elderly.

“Robo” calls

Martha Pickett inquired about a place to report these calls. John Nann mentioned reporting them to the FCC by phone or online. A discussion ensued regarding scam and robo calls. They are disruptive and time consuming. There was a conversation on methods used to block these calls.

Adjournment:

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sherry Stekloff, at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Susan Pappas. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Izzo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Angela Izzo