

Cheshire Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 10, 2013 7:00pm

Cheshire Town Hall

Attendance: M. Sturges, V. Canale, M. Pickett, B. Barlock, E. Hines. Staff: K. Schechter, S. Ferrall.

Call to Order: M. Sturges called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and determined a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: V. Canale made a motion to approve the December 2012 minutes. E. Hines seconded. All were in favor.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported the holidays went well. The full number of families served is not in yet. 49 food vouchers were handed out in December. 53 food vouchers were handed out in November. There have been more clients visiting the food pantry and there have been a good amount of donations. The energy assistance program runs until May 15.

Senior Center Report: S. Ferrall reported that the new social worker for the center started in late November and is working out very well. She has already accomplished a lot including starting another caregiver support group. This group runs for 8 weeks beginning January 23.

Friendly Visitors: M. Pickett reported that only one person has volunteered so far. The next step will be to reach out to the religious groups in town. S. Ferrall suggested they speak at the new support group at the senior center. B. Barlock suggested the “conversation” regarding getting affairs in order etc. is a good topic that the volunteers may want to bring up with the clients.

New Business: E. Hines and M. Sturges terms are now up and tonight is their last meeting. Due to the now lower number of members the committee will not have a quorum until these positions are filled. The sub committee will continue to meet. The next subcommittee meeting will be January 24, at 7:00pm and February 14 at 6:30pm.

Approval of Meeting Schedule: V. Canale made a motion to accept the draft of the meeting schedule. M. Pickett seconded. All were in favor. The schedule is attached.

Adjournment: V. Canale made a motion to adjourn. E. Hines seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by
Leighanne Hartshorn
Secretary