

Cheshire Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 14, 2013
Cheshire Town Hall

Attendance: M. Sturges, V. Canale, M. Pickett, B. Barlock, D. Kelleher. Staff: K. Schechter.

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

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Approval of Minutes: B. Barlock made a motion to approve the January Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes. V. Canale seconded. M. Sturges and M. Pickett approved. D. Kelleher abstained.

Social Services Report: K. Schechter reported there was 54 food vouchers handed out in January. The energy assistance program is still going on but it is slowing down a little.

Senior Services Report: S. Ferrall is not here to report. K. Schechter mentioned the senior survey “conversation on aging questionnaire” that is being sent out.

Friendly Visitor Program Report: M. Pickett reported they are making progress. 12 people have volunteered to be visitors, but no one has requested a visitor yet. A training date will be set for the volunteers. M. Pickett asked K. Schechter if she could be used to help find people in need of visitors. K. Schechter responded that she might be able to make initial contact and refer to the program.

New Business: M. Sturges introduced the new committee member D. Kelleher. She explained the town is working to fill the remaining committee openings and are aware of the problems.

M. Sturges asked the committee members if they had a chance to meet the new social worker. She asked if it would be possible to have her come to a committee meeting. K. Schechter said she would check.

V. Canale asked how the food drive was doing. K. Schechter responded that it is going well. V. Canale mentioned that many people still do not know they are different from the food pantry. The food drive supports the food vouchers for the town donations.

Then next committee meeting will be March 14.

V. Canale made a motion to schedule the next friendly visitor sub committee meeting for March 14 at 6:30pm. M. Sturges seconded. All were in favor.

Adjournment: D. Kelleher made a motion to adjourn. V. Canale seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by
Leighanne Hartshorn