

**TOWN of SHELBURNE  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday  
April 27, 2016  
5:00 P.M.  
Shelburne Town Center**

**Attendees:**

**Current Members: Barbara Cimaglio (Vice-Chair),  
Margaret Ottinger; Previous Members/Transition: Tom Zenaty, David Cranmer; New  
Members: Debra Niemasz, Georgene Grover; Citizen Participation: Jane Zenaty  
Guest: John Cronin, United Way**

1. **Call to order: 5:00pm**
2. **Consider Approval of Agenda:** moved by Barbara Cimaglio; seconded by Margaret Ottinger; APPROVED.
3. **Citizen Participation:** Jane Zenaty joined as part of the discussion.
4. **Approval of minutes of March 23,2016:** Tom moved and Margaret seconded; APPROVED.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Welcome New Committee Members:** Since all new Committee members weren't present, this discussion will be moved to next meeting agenda.
  - b. **United Way Presentation:**

John Cronin thanked the committee for funds from previous year, and presented UW data and information related to Shelburne's investment over the past year.

Focus for UW is on Education, Income and Health. UW researches best programs to invest in to meet the above focus. They also use metrics to show if people are 'better off' as a result of these programs. Working Bridges is one of the programs from UW that has received national recognition and attention – allowing loans to employees who work with companies who are partners, and are able access a loan up to \$1500 at 7 – 8% interest paid back through their paycheck. Examples of participating companies are UVM Medical Center, Rhino Foods, and Engleberth Construction.

Shelburne asked the UW to invest their distribution with a focus on Health and Income.

In 2015 there were 700-800 incidents for Shelburne residents benefiting from Health resources through the UW. In the Income category, there were 168 incidents where Shelburne residents benefited.

United Way continues to do needs assessment to determine needs of communities. John also explained why UW is now United Way of Northwest VT.

\$38,000 was pledged and approved through the town budget for fiscal year 2016-17. A decision needs to be made in which category(s) the money will be invested (Education, Income, Health). The SS committee needs to recommend to Peter Frankenburg prior to disbursements of funds.

**Action:** Committee will discuss our recommendations at May meeting.

6. **Old Business:**

a. **Food Shelf Committee Update**

Due to time constraints, this update will be heard at the May meeting.

b. **Discussion: Recruiting Additional New Members**

c. **Discussion: Transition to New Members**

d. **Discussion: 2016 Plans (Timeline)**

A transition plan for committee will require the following action steps:

- A Chair and a Vice need to be chosen
- Process for taking minutes needs to be decided; minutes sent to Town Manager
- Barbara Cimaglio, Vice Chair, will send out May agenda and April minutes.

**Decision:** Meeting time will be moved to 6:30pm – 8pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

7. **Adjourn at 6:35 p.m.** Moved by Barbara; seconded by Margaret.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Niemasz and Barbara Cimaglio