

Shelburne Social Services Committee
March 22, 2023
Town Offices

Present: S. Furry-Irish, S. Moran, L. York, B. Marden, E. Limanek, L. Riell

Call to Order @ 6:30 PM

Note Taker: L. Riell

Agenda approved: yes

Citizen Participation: Karen Schumacher

Feb. Minutes Approved: with 2 corrections

Treasurers Report: (L. Riell) General Fund: \$16,500 and Community Fund: \$4,275.57

OLD BUSINESS

1. \$200 limit for police reimbursement: Sue has discussed with Josh Flores that this is the limit per incident. This is also indicated on the reimbursement form to be submitted to the Social Services Committee by the police.
2. New member applicants: There were 5 responses to the FPF post notifying town residents that the Committee is looking for new members. One person has submitted a letter of interest and application for appointment to the position. Karen Schumacher is present at tonight's meeting. She introduced herself, outlined her background and requested consideration to be appointed to the Social Services Committee.
3. Updated Agency List: Sue emailed committee members an updated list for review. Several new agencies have been suggested. Following discussion, the committee agreed that we will begin using the updated list during 2023-24 Fiscal Year.

NEW BUSINESS

Four agency grant requests were received this month. The amounts per request were as follows: Mercy Connections \$4000, VT Adult Learning \$5000, Hopeworks \$1000, Howard Center \$3000.

Discussion followed. Using relevant information provided by the agencies as to how the funding would be utilized, the following grants were approved:

- **Mercy Connections \$1000**
- **VT Adult Learning \$1000**
- **Hopeworks \$1000**
- **Howard Center \$3000**

OTHER

- New Membership: The committee voted to recommend Karen Schumacher's appointment to Shelburne's Social Services Committee. Sue will notify Karen, and also Lee Krohn. Karen's appointment will become official at an upcoming Selectboard meeting. (Town Manager will add it as an agenda item.)

- Committee Chair Position: Sue notified the group that she is ready to step down as chair and asked if anyone would be interested in the chair position. Sue is willing to work as co-chair for awhile and to assist with training (how to use google documents, form letters and other aspects of the role). Following discussion, Sean indicated he would be willing to become chair. Sean and Sue will determine when and how to begin the process of changing leadership. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.
- As part of that conversation, Lori volunteered to take on the role of contacting agencies that have not provided follow up information regarding how the dispersed grants have been utilized.

NEXT MEETING April 26, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

ADJOURN @ 7:38 pm