

**Social Services Committee**  
**Oct. 25, 2023**  
**Meeting Room, Town Offices**

**Call to Order:** 6:04 PM

**Present:** S. Moran, L. Riell, L. York, K. Schumacher, E. Limanek

**Agenda:** Approved

**September Minutes:** Approved

**Guest Speaker:** Kristen Ellwood (Shelburne Food Shelf) reported on the proposed addition of a second Tiny Free Pantry. The lone tiny free pantry near SCHIPS is often empty and the food shelf itself has seen increased useage this year.

Rice Lumber will donate the materials to build the tiny pantry, the Scouts will build it, and there are feelers out to find a location (among those being asked: The Plaza, Lighting House, Pet FoodWarehouse, Lakeview Coop, AutoMaster, former Sirloin Saloon property). The Food Shelf is hoping to secure a location on the north end of Shelburne.

The Food Shelf is applying for a grant. The funds from that would go to the Food Shelf and they would purchase the food to stock the tiny pantry. Food from the VT Foodbank cannot be used for the tiny pantries. The grant application will be discussed later during this meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** (L. Riell) \$27,000 in the account, \$4075.57 in the Community Fund

**Mail Review:** 6 month reports have been received from the Charlotte Senior Center, Mercy Connection, Lund and Hopeworks; information as to what the funds were used for.

**Committee Comments:** Sean received an inquiry from resident Nancy Baker regarding SSTA transportation. That service is not associated with the Social Service Committee. Calendar notes: the November meeting will be held on Nov. 29 and the December meeting is suspended. Sean will request reimbursement for notecards and postage stamps.

**Grant Applications Consideration:**

1. Shelburne Food Shelf: \$5000 grant application tabled after discussion. The committee needs to receive more details regarding the proposed new Tiny Free Pantry. (Structure, budget, oversight, church involvement etc). Karen and Sean will draft a letter to them requesting descriptive information.
2. VT Association for the Blind: **\$1000 grant approved.** Funds will go towards child and adult service programs to minimize the impact of living without sight. The committee would entertain a larger request in the future.
3. VT Family Network: **\$1000 grant approved.** Funding will be applied to the Family Support Program (families receive services related to child's special needs diagnosis).

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 29, 6-7 pm**

**ADJOURN: 7:15 pm**