

Dummerston Social Services Funding Advisory Committee

Unapproved Minutes

September 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 in the Historical Society by Gail Sorenson

Members present:

Gail Sorenson, John Sommer, Susan Leuchter, Bill Pelz-Walsh, Cindy Jerome, Rita Ramirez and Sara Ryan

Selection of Chair and Secretary:

Gail moved that Cindy be nominated to Chair the committee and Sara be the Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Update on Open Meetings Law:

Gail updated the committee on the Open Meetings Law

Public Input:

There was no representation from the public

Review Comments and Recommendations for Funding to Selectboard this current FY:

Discussion took place about recommendations regarding funding. The committee members unanimously agreed that greater financial support should be provided by the town to the organizations applying for this support in order to assist Dummerston residents. The committee will continue to gather data to support this thinking and to share it with the Selectboard prior to budget preparations.

Review & Update Application for Funding Form:

The application for funding form was reviewed and updated.

Review list of Agencies to be critiqued:

The committee reviewed the list of Agencies and discussed possible conflicts.

Divide into Subcommittees & Select agencies each subcommittee will review:

Subcommittees were formed and agencies to be reviewed by each subcommittee were selected by each group. The Subcommittees and their agencies to be reviewed are as follows:

Sue/Sara/Gail- *Brattleboro Area Hospice, Dummerston Cares, Grace Cottage Hospital, RSVP, Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT and NH and Windham Child Care Assoc*

Rita/Cindy- *Aids Project of Southern Vermont, Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center, HCRS, Morningside Shelter and Senior Solutions (COA)*

Bill/John- *Connecticut River Transit (The Current), Gathering Place, SEVCA, Youth Services, and Women's Freedom Center,*

The **next meeting** will be on November 19, 2014 at 4:30

There was no other business and the meeting ended at 5:45

Submitted by: Sara Ryan, Committee Secretary