

Dummerston Social Services Funding Advisory Committee

Unapproved minutes

October 29, 2015

The meeting began at 4:00 in the basement of the Dummerston Congregational Church.

Members Present:

In attendance were: Cindy Jerome, Gail Sorenson, Bill Pelz-Walsh, John Sommer, Susan Leuchter and Sara Ryan. Absent from the meeting was Rita Ramirez.

Approved Minutes:

One change was made to the unofficial November 2014 minutes. We added that absent from the last meeting was Cindy Jerome. The minutes from the meeting on November 19, 2014 were then approved.

Review of process:

Cindy reviewed the process of evaluating applications and noted the consistency of the committed members on the committee and a discussion took place regarding the history of this committee

Discussion of past allocation totals and request for this year:

Cindy led a review of past allocations. We looked at the current requests, Gail shared that Shirley Perkins has requested a meeting of Dummerston Cares and the sub committee that will be reviewing their application.

Public Input:

There was no presentation from the public.

Create review pairs and assign organizations:

Working groups and the organizations they will review are as follows:

Cindy Jerome, Gail Sorenson and Rita Ramirez- HCRS, RSVP, AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, Gathering Place, Senior Solutions, Dummerston Cares.

Susan Leuchter and Sara Ryan- Brattleboro Area Hospice, Windham Child Care Association, Groundworks Collaborative, Brattleboro Senior Meals and Visiting Nurses & Hospice- VT & NH

Bill Pelz-Walsh and John Somner- Women's Freedom Center, Grace Cottage Hospital, Youth Services, SEVCA, CT River Transit

Dummerston Community Chest:

There was discussion about the organizations that the town supports through the Social Service Funding and the organizations that the Dummerston Community Chest support. It was agreed that representatives from our committee would like to meet with Community Chest members. Gail kindly offered to organize the meeting. John and Sara agreed to also be present at the meeting.

Schedule next meeting:

We will meet again on December 2, 2015 at 4:30. Location to be determined.

Meeting ended at 5:00

minutes submitted by Sara Ryan