

Dummerston Social Service Advisory Committee

Approved Meeting Minutes

10/10/2025

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m. at Sandy Campbell's home.

Members Present: Sandy Campbell, Libby Lafland, Nancy Pelz-Walsh, Amy Wall and Cami Elliott

Absent: Teri Robinson

Committee members reviewed and approved the minutes from 9/12/2025.

Committee members presented a synopsis of the applications they reviewed. The committee discussed the requests considering the number of Dummerston residents served and the type of service.

Committee members recommend level funding for most organizations. Changes are as follows:

- ☐ The AIDS Project of Southern VT requested \$300, \$100 more than last year. Committee recommends \$200.
- ☐ Southern VT Transit requested \$500, double the amount last year. Committee recommends level funding of \$250.
- ☐ Dummerston Cares requested \$1,000; the committee recommends \$1,800. Committee supports this as Dummerston Cares provides grassroots direct services such as food and heating needs within the Dummerston community.
- ☐ Grace Cottage requested \$95 more than last year for a total of \$595 for wheel chairs. Committee recommends \$600.
- ☐ Senior Solutions requested \$100 more than the \$900 recommended last year. Committee recommends level funding.
- ☐ Visiting Nurses/Hospice did not apply. Last year they requested and received \$1,000.

It was noted that almost every agency expressed concerns for a decrease or loss of funding sources while observing increased need for services.

The Putney Foodshelf will be making their first request for Town funding during Town Meeting. They did submit an application for consideration which the committee reviewed. The committee supports their funding request as many residents benefit from this service.

The committee made every effort to remain within the previously allocated amount of \$14,500 to support services Dummerston residents rely on.

Minutes were reviewed and approved prior to adjournment.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Pelz-Walsh, Secretary