

Human Services Board

Town Annex Building

October 16, 2018

Minutes

In attendance: Charlene Best, Cheryl Church, Darren DePaul, Allison Goguen, Elizabeth Isaacson, Madeleine Leveille, David Melillo, Nancy Stone.

Absent: Litsa Aniskovich and Abby Roccapriore

Charlene Best called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Approve Minutes

N. Stone made a motion, seconded by M. Leveille to approve minutes from September 18, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

Charlene Best noted change in agenda order with Cheryl Church from Social Services reporting on year-end events, needs and opportunities for volunteering.

Social Services Report

C. Church reported on holiday giving, including providing Thanksgiving meals, Toys for Tots, and Adopt-a-Family programs. She noted a need for volunteers to pick up toys and gift cards. The department needs help with the distribution of toys in December. A tentative date of Thursday December 13th will be confirmed.

The holiday programs run alongside the ongoing need for deliverable fuel and food which accounts for about 95% of social services efforts at this time.

Director's Report

Sandy Hook Promise Programming- D. Melillo detailed program specifics of the week-long Morgan High School events, including Start with Hello; Human Bingo; Mix It Up; Shout Out billboards and Spirit Day; he said it was a successful week. A. Goguen, a student at Morgan, commented on the success of the week, saying "stereotypes were transcended."

Senior Services Update- D. Melillo talked about creating a committee or task force to look into the needs of the senior citizen population in town. A draft letter to the board of selectmen was distributed.

E. Isaacson made a motion, seconded by M. Leveille and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Noe

