

Bedford Youth & Family Services Committee Meeting

MINUTES-CORRECTED

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Attendance: Sue Baldauf, Director, Dori Pulizzi, At Large, Marge Heckman, At Large, Ann Guay, School Committee, Mary Seymour, Board Of Health

Absent: Peter Ricci, Chair, Marcia Morgan, At Large, Caroline Fedele, Selectman Liaison, Jeff Wardwell, Police

Minutes:

Minutes of the November 8th meeting approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grants Update:

The Bedford DASH is doing well. The Lahey Grant has been completed and reports accepted. At this point the DASH is due to end in June. Bedford is working with Lexington and Burlington to look at regional alternatives. There are varying needs of the ridership that complicate and compete for access to services. The future of DASH is unclear.

A grant is being submitted for a "Safe Routes to School" project that will provide connection from the Minuteman bikeway extension access from Lavender Lane, crossing Route 62, and running a path across the wetland and then behind the Lutheran Church to the Davis School.

- Programing:

Fuel assistance is going well. There have been more cancellations possibly due to the milder weather. A program on managing stress is being worked on with the school parents group. There will not be a "Winter After School Program" due to scheduling challenges with the musical. The Eliot contract for FY 2020 & 2021 is up for renewal, and the bid process has begun with plans to present to the Selectman in June. The need continues to be great as there are currently 15 on the waiting list. YFS distributed \$500 from the Progress Fund for a rent payment and \$400 in gift cards in December.

- Veterans Update:

Reorganization is planned due to concerns about office size and responsiveness as well as to increase supervisory skills of the Asst. Town Manager. The Bedford Veterans Offices will be relocated to the Town Hall and report to that office. There are currently 41 active Ch. 115 veteran cases.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget FY 2020:

Ten additional hours are being requested for the Healthy Community Coordinator. Monies from telephone will be decreased while membership line item will be decreased, and postage line item will be removed as it has not been used and Finance can cover those expenses for the department. The Veterans line items will be transferred.

Updates from Committee Participants

School Committee-Ann Guay

FY 2020 is being worked on. Demand is driving a request for additional counseling hours at the Davis School. Discussed current and growing clinical needs of students and demands on staff. There is an open position on the School Committee. No one came forward at the Town Caucus. Sharing of the position may be explored.

Board of Health-Mary Seymour

The Capital Expenditures Committee supported the funding of 2 bus shelters for FY20 at a cost of \$35,000. Two sites that the Town owns or has the right of way have been selected, i.e., across from CVS and the corner of South Road and Railway Avenue. These shelters will be considered part of a pilot program and data will be collected on their usage and to aid in determining future sites. The feasibility of future privately raised funds will be explored.

FY20 Budget preparation involves increases in several areas, e.g., Professional Services for the continuation of a biosafety consultant and a Licensed Site Professional for HAFB related concerns, sundries and cell phones and travel allowances due to Emergency Preparedness funds from the state no longer being available, the hazardous/medical waste budget due to the expiration of the current contract and renegotiation, and a 2-3% increase in the mosquito control budget.

The Fall Prevention program has seen a decrease in first falls and an increase in repeat falls. The increase in cases is seen as a heightened awareness of this type of call. The grant will end in June. The Council on Aging will oversee the day to day activities of any future falls program with support from the Community Health Nurse.

New 2013 Food Code is being implemented this month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Next Meeting will **be March 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM** Clerk: Ann Guay/School Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Seymour, Board of Health Liaison