

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK

SELECT BOARD – SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 – 9:30 A.M.

KENNEBUNK TOWN HALL, ROOM 301

MINUTES/NOTES

Call to Order

On August 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., a meeting of the Social Service Agencies Subcommittee was called to order.

Those in attendance were:

Subcommittee Members: Select Board members Lisa Pratt, Leslie Trentalange, Miriam Whitehouse

Others Present: Town Manager Heather Balsler, Community Development Deputy Director Karen Winton, Community Development Director Chris Osterrieder, as well as members of the public.

1. Social Services Agencies Subcommittee Introduction - Overview and introduction of the subcommittee

K. Winton provided a general overview of the subcommittee, including its formation and purpose.

2. FY 23-24 Allocations – Review application and funding allocations for Fiscal Year 23-24

K. Winton reviewed the application for funding that agencies submit when requesting financial support. An overview of the timeline and review process was provided.

3. Social Services and assistance programs

K. Winton provided a comprehensive overview of the General Assistance program and various social services available in the community. A discussion ensued on the ways in which General Assistance works in combination with outside sources of assistance, and the limitations on the General Assistance program, which is governed by an Ordinance adopted annually by the Select Board.

4. Public Comment

M. Whitehouse noted members of the public in attendance and requested they share any thoughts and concerns they had related to social services in Kennebunk. Several members of the public spoke and expressed an interest in learning what the Town is doing and can do to support asylum seekers in Kennebunk. Others asked questions about municipal property and housing needs in the community. Further discussion ensued and those in attendance agreed to attend future meetings where these topics could be explored further.

Next Meeting

The subcommittee set the next meeting for October 2nd at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Minutes/Notes by Karen Winton, Deputy Director of Community Development