

Town of Southborough
Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds
17 Common Street
Town House Hearing Room – 2nd floor
SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 01772

Trust Fund Meeting: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Location: Town House Hearing Room, 17 Common Street, Southborough, MA

In attendance: Members – Sue Wood, Sam Stivers, Nick McCoy
Brian Ballantine – Treasurer

Meeting start: 8:04AM

First item of business was to postpone approval of 11-2-23 minutes. They are in draft but not fully complete. Minutes will be approved at next meeting.

Next item was discussion of applicant #61. Applicant applying for approximately \$1,800 for auto repairs. Repairs needed are tires, lighting repair, and alignment. This will allow for a successful inspection. The applicant was referred by Youth and Family. Applicant has a young daughter. Recently has a new job with the State earning good money – living expenses are relatively low. Person is currently a single parent household. Mr Stivers commented that he likes to support applicants who will remain in the Town and also who we can support to get them independent. There wa general support for this – discussion centered around if this fit that situation.

There was general discussion of if it would be more cost effective to use another auto service than the dealer suggested. It was determined the cost difference was minimal. Looking at the facts there was general agreement this applicant was likely to stay in Southborough. It was also determined that this could be a situation where the applicant can use the assistance to jumpstart a successful and sustainable living style. With that Mr Stivers made a motion to pay up to \$1,800 for assistance to get the auto repaired at the dealer. Ms Wood seconded and motion carried 3-0 (funds from Waldo Fay).

Next item of business was discussion of annual gift card giving to Friends of Youth & Family Services and Council on Aging. Last year was \$2,000 COA and \$1,000 Youth and Family services. Discussion was to keep the same or change. Question also was why Youth was always less. From the history known it seemed COA had more of a group that was in need of this type of assistance and it originally began with that target population. The Board determined this year it was appropriate to maintain the same levels of support. Motion made by Mr McCoy, second by Ms Wood, vote was 3-0 to support the usual process of giving \$2,000 to COA and \$1,000 to Friends of Youth and Family Services from Waldo Fay.

Quick discussion as to being included in Town report. Mr Ballantine will draft a brief description of accomplishments for the year and present to Board.

Last item of business – next meeting date set for December 19th.

Mr Stivers made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Wood seconded and the vote was to adjourn at 8:40am.