

November 15, 2016

- The Norton Children's Fund Commission met in the Parish Hall at the First Congregational Church on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Present were Betsy Houle (Chairman), Dianne Grenier (Secretary) and Sue Schmidt. Heidi Donnelly and Heidi Xenophontos were absent. Laurel Andrews ~ Andover's Elderly and Social Services Agent was not in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Betsy Houle.
- Motion made by Sue Schmidt to approve Commission meeting minutes of May 12, 2016. Betsy Houle seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously
- Betsy Houle reported receiving a nice note from Devin St. Jean, our 2016 Scholarship recipient.
- Betsy Houle reported Commission disbursements in August to 1 family with 2 children and another family with 1 child.
- Betsy Houle presented Norton Commission fund balances and principals from the Town Treasurer. Dianne Grenier had many questions regarding the reports. After much discussion it was decided that Betsy Houle would coordinate a meeting with the Town Treasurer and members of the Commission to discuss details of the report.
- No requests for Holiday assistance were received. This initiated much discussion among Commission members regarding how we distribute funds and questioned if there might be a better way to fulfill our mission. No conclusion was reached.
- Dianne Grenier motioned that the 2017 Norton Scholarship value be \$750. Seconded by Betsy Houle. Unanimously approved. It was determined that April 30, 2017 will be the Norton Scholarship due date. At the May 16, 2016 Norton Commission meeting we will review applications and select Scholarship recipient. Betsy Houle to distribute applications to Guidance Council at RHAM and Town Hall by February 1, 2017. Dianne Grenier to send updated scholarship application form to Town Website and write press release announcing scholarship availability.
- No Brown Scholarship to be offered in 2017 because of insufficient funds.
- Betsy Houle will submit the Commission's report for the Town's Annual Report.
- Dianne Grenier to attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting to inquire about delay in having our 2015 citation hung in the Town Office Building.
- The following "Regular Meeting" dates were set for 2017: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 and Tuesday, November 14 2017. Betsy Houle to notify Town Clerk.
- Sue Schmidt reported that in January she and Heidi Xenophontos will coordinate the "Guest the number of Pom Poms" event similar to the event conducted last year.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Tuesday, May 16, 2017.
- Adjourned at 8:39pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Grenier
Norton Commission Secretary