

May 12, 2016

- The Norton Children's Fund Commission met at the First Congregational Church on May 12, 2016. Present were Betsy Houle (Chairman), Dianne Grenier (Secretary), Sue Schmidt and Heidi Xenophontos. Heidi Donnelly and Andover's Elderly and Social Services Agent, Laurel Andrews were absent. Their input was missed.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by the Chairman, Betsy Houle.
- November 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved. Motion to accept by Heidi Xenophontos and Betsy Houle seconded. Passed unanimously.
- One "Thank You" note as received and acknowledged.
- Much discussion regarding the "amount available for fund disbursement" took place because statement from Town Treasurer office was deemed confusing. Heidi Xenophontos to meet with assistant Town Treasurer to resolve discrepancies.
- No applications were received requesting assistance.
- After careful review and discussion of the eight scholarship applications received, the 2016 Norton Scholarship of \$750 was awarded to Devin St. Jean. Motion made by Sue Schmidt and seconded by Heidi Xenophontos. Vote was unanimous. Betsy Houle to notify applicant's mother and get check to RHAM High School.
- Replies to the scholarship application question; "How can the Commission improve their outreach to the community?" was discussed and considered very beneficial.
- The "Brown Scholarship" principal \$25,000. No scholarship will be offered again this year because of insufficient funds.
- Discussed "other opportunities" for higher interest rates for accounts. Heidi Xenophontos to contact Library Board of Directors regarding their similar concerns and efforts to address the issue.
- By-Laws were reviewed by all and no changes were suggested.
- Heidi Xenophontos and Sue Schmidt volunteered to organize and conduct the "Guess the pom-pom" event at the AES and Andover Public Library. They will meet and handle all details. Same basic details as last year's successful event.
- Comment was made by Dianne Grenier that the citation presented to the Norton Commission by Rep. Gayle Mulligan and given to the Board of Selectman last fall for hanging in the Town Office Building has not been hung yet.
- Betsy Houle announced she will be moving out of Andover next year and Commission members will need to find a replacement for her. A brief discussion was held regarding her replacement's qualifications and encouraged Commission members to think about a suitable replacement. Replacement will be difficult.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Church Parish Hall.
- Adjourned at 8:00pm:

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Grenier  
Norton Commission Secretary