

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
10:30 a.m.

Present: William Wilson, Sandra Kelly, Marguerite Donnelly, Dorothy Graham, Linda Spak, Mimi Leveille and Gail Pierce. Committee members Janet Merritt and Betsy Theve were absent. Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes was present for the recording of minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Approve Minutes of December 9, 2009 Meeting

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2009. Ms. Graham seconded the motion and it carried.

6 Ayes (Wilson, Spak, Kelly, Graham, Donnelly, Leveille) 0 Nays

Ms. Pierce was not present for the vote. She joined the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Election of Officers

After a discussion regarding process, Ms. Donnelly nominated William Wilson as Chair. Mr. Wilson declined the position. Ms. Kelly nominated Gail Pierce as Chair. With no other nominations, Ms. Graham made a motion to close the nominations for Chair and elect Gail Pierce by unanimous vote. The motion carried.

Ms. Donnelly nominated Dorothy Graham as Vice Chair. With no other nominations, Ms. Kelly moved to close the nominations for Vice Chair and elect Dorothy Graham by unanimous vote. The motion carried.

Ms. Graham nominated Sandra Kelly as Secretary. With no other nominations, Ms. Pierce made a motion to close nominations for Secretary and elect Sandra Kelly by unanimous vote. The motion carried.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Ms. Graham made a motion to set the annual meeting schedule as follows: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:15 a.m. at Town Hall. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and it carried.

7 Ayes (Wilson, Spak, Kelly, Graham, Donnelly, Leveille, Pierce) 0 Nays

The agenda was amended to address Library Activities as the next item, as representatives from the library were present.

Library Activities

Kristen Bauman, library clerk in charge of adult programming, Mary Sue Record President of Friends of the Library and Sosha Cohen member of Friends of the Library were present. Mary Sue Record stated that the Friends of the Library are looking for ways to encourage seniors to use the library.

Kristen Bauman noted that she was beginning a movie matinee on Wednesday's at 1:00 p.m. and she wanted to spread the word to seniors. Ms. Spak recommended designing a flyer that can be circulated at Lunch Bunch and Soup Group. It was further suggested that the lunch and soup groups can be polled regarding activities they would like to see offered at the library.

The library representatives will report back in February regarding activities.

FISH

Magnets

Ms. Pierce distributed a couple of sample business card designs and a style was chosen. Ms. Pierce noted that color cards would cost \$29.99 for the first 100 and \$6.00 per each additional 100. She noted that a donation of money was offered to cover the costs. Ms. Spak stated that she will check the weight of magnets to see if they would affect the postage if included in with the electric bills.

Volunteer Outreach

Ms. Pierce reported that FISH has not been often used. It was suggested to have the FISH volunteers meet and discuss other volunteer activities they could perform. Ms. Spak suggested being proactive, such as calling seniors during snow events and asking if they need help shoveling. Ms. Donnelly reported that the dispatchers did outreach during the snow storm, calling homes to ensure everyone was safe.

Daily Contact

Ms. Donnelly noted that the daily contact program is not yet up and running. She will work on getting the word out seniors to get them signed up.

Senior Moments

Brochure

Ms. Kelly noted that Bruce and Peggy Montgomery are going to publish the information from the brochure in the 2010 phone directory as a donation. Ms. Kelly will write a thank you letter to the Montgomerys.

Column

Ms. Donnelly suggested profiling a senior in the "Senior Moments" column.

Roster of Elderly

Clerk McGinnes stated that she will email out the list of senior households for the Committee to determine if they would like add or delete information from the list.

Handicapped Access

Mr. Wilson questioned whether the members wished to do any follow-up on the handicapped access and ask for consultant funding from BIRA. The Committee decided to take no further action on the subject.

Senior Workers

Discussion ensued regarding submitting a request to the Town to receive funding for a senior coordinator position.

Ms. Leveille made a motion to write a letter to Town Manager Dodge requesting a reallocation of Recreation Department funding to benefit the senior population. Ms. Spak seconded. Following discussion, Ms Leveille amended her motion to state: to write a letter to Town Manager Dodge requesting the Town include money for the senior population in the Recreation budget. Ms. Spak amended her second and the motion passed.

7 Ayes (Wilson, Spak, Kelly, Graham, Donnelly, Leveille, Pierce) 0 Nays

Ms. Donnelly made a motion to request that the Town add a line item in the budget for a senior coordinator. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

7 Ayes (Wilson, Spak, Kelly, Graham, Donnelly, Leveille, Pierce) 0 Nays

Mr. Wilson and Ms. Graham will work on putting the requests in writing.

Update on Activities

The following items were discussed:

- Ms. Leveille will contact Robin Vila in an attempt to start up chair aerobic again.
- It would be handy to have a list of Lunch Bunch and Soup Group attendees.
- Ms. Spak will look into the possible expanded use of the Neptune House pool.
- There is a grocery shopping trip scheduled for January 19th. Although the trip was put together to benefit food stamp holders, it could benefit the senior population too.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence addressed.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Next Meeting – January 13th

The next meeting date is scheduled for February 10, 2010 at 11:15 a.m.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Leveille made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donnelly and carried unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: March 17, 2010