

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
10:30 a.m.

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

Dorothy Graham called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Approve Minutes of January 13, 2010 Meeting

Sandra Kelly moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010, seconded by Marguerite Donnelly.

Ayes: 5 (Wilson, Kelly, Donnelly, Graham, Merritt)

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 (Pierce, Spak, Leveille, Theve)

Library Activities

It was noted that the Movie Matinee program continues on schedule with films each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m..

Review Meeting Schedule

The group agreed to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

FISH

a. Magnets

Printer's proofs of the magnets were distributed. Additional postage will be required if they are mailed with the Block Island Power Company bills. BIPCo might be willing to absorb the cost. Comments included: the 466-3200 phone line is not answered at night or on weekends; the magnet could possibly be confused with a business solicitation. Perhaps FISH's mission statement can be incorporated. Discussion will continue.

b. Volunteer Outreach

There was no discussion of volunteer outreach.

Daily contact

Volunteer outreach worked well during the last storm emergency. All seniors were called daily, one intervention was taken for an individual without electricity and heat.

Senior Moments

a. Brochure

The brochure is being distributed. Sandy sent a thank you note to the Montgomery's for including the senior moments in the phone book.

b. Column

Gloria Redlich took a hiatus from the column while she was on vacation, she will resume her column with senior profiles.

Roster of Elderly

There are 526 people on the voters list aged 60 and above. In discussion, the group decided there may be mixed reactions to an official list of the elderly.

Handicapped Access

There was no discussion of handicapped access.

Senior worker(s):

Janet Merritt's proposal for funding for a half-time employee was reviewed and changes made.

Mr. Wilson moved to submit the proposal to the Town Manager and Town Council, seconded by Ms. Donnelly.

Ayes: 5 (Wilson, Kelly, Donnelly, Graham, Merritt) Nays: 0
Absent: 4 (Pierce, Spak, Leveille, Theve)

Update on Activities:

Linda Spak was unable to attend the meeting; her report on the FISH magnet cards and Neptune Pool was received and is attached to these minutes.

Lew Gaffett approached two members of the group regarding using the former fitness center as a senior center. The group agreed they were inclined to look to the Community Center for a senior center.

Mr. Wilson suggested setting up only one table for Soup Group and Lunch Bunch for better socializing.

It was reported Mimi Levielle spoke to Robin Villa about chair aerobics; they will report back.

At 11:30, Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Fiona Fitzpatrick
Town Clerk

Approved: March 17, 2010