

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

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

Gail Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. She took the opportunity to offer the Committees' gratitude and thanks to Bill Wilson for his tireless work as chair over the past three years.

Approve Minutes of February 17, 2010 Meeting

Mimi Leveille moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2010, seconded by Betsy Theve.

Ayes: 6 (Pierce, Wilson, Kelly, Donnelly, Leveille, Theve)

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 (Spak, Graham, Merritt)

Report on Town Council Budget Request

It was noted that the current Town budget includes \$1,000 under a new Senior Citizens Advisory Committee budget line. The Committee's original request was for \$15,000. It was noted that the money could be used for funding services or a coordinator stipend.

As Tracy Fredericks is working as a coordinator for Americore (through BIED), the committee thought it would be useful to ask her to attend the next meeting. Mimi Leveille will invite Ms. Fredericks.

FISH

a. Magnets

Gail Pierce will order FISH magnets. Once received, they will be distributed at Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, the Library and the Community Center.

b. Volunteer Outreach

Marguerite Donnelly and Gail Pierce reported that both volunteer participation and attendance at Lunch Bunch and Soup Group has been strong.

Daily contact

Marguerite Donnelly reported that the police have only done senior outreach during storms. She will speak to members of the Lunch Bunch about initiating a daily contact program, asking interested participants to call the Police Department to sign up.

Bill Wilson distributed an article from Yankee Magazine regarding a internet contact program initiated in a community in Vermont.

Senior Moments

There was no discussion regarding Senior Moments.

Handicapped Access

There was no discussion of handicapped access.

Senior worker(s):

This item was addressed under “Report on Town Council Budget Request.”

Update on Activities:Library Activities

The following items were noted regarding Library activities:

- Kristen Bauman is interested in initiating an oral history project to include seniors.
- The movie matinee program continues on schedule with films each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Aerobics

Mimi Leveille reported that Robin Villa is not able to commit the time to holding chair aerobics, but she is willing to train a volunteer willing to run the program.

New Business

Linda Spak will continue to look into pool options and will also investigate the senior driving program through AAA.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Input

Bill Wilson stated that he was approached by someone complaining about the \$4.00 freight charge assessed by New England Airlines on prescriptions. The Committee decided to take no action.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2010.

At 11:13 p.m., Marguerite Donnelly moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mimi Leveille and carried unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: April 21, 2010