

**Senior Citizens Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2010**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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

Gail Pierce called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

**Approve Minutes of August 18, 2010 Meeting**

Ms. Theve moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2010 as submitted. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Ms. Donnelly and Ms. Leveille joined the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**FISH**

Ms. Pierce reported that Mark Emmanuelle offered his services to help prepare those in need for storms (bringing in furniture, etc.).

Ms. Leveille reported that she spoke initially with South County Community Action and will be in contact with their head of elder affairs soon. She will report back at the next meeting.

It was suggested that Ms. Pierce work with Ms. Merritt on drafting a letter to the Town Council regarding the need for a social worker for the senior population. Ms. Pierce stated that she had a contact name of a social worker who might be able to offer insight into funding ideas. She will make contact.

Ms. Pierce and Mr. Wilson will arrange to meet with the Executive Director of Block Island Health Services and the State Nurse to discuss the future of the State Nurse position.

**Senior Moments**

It was suggested that a future article concentrate on the senior aerobics instructor Cindy Kelly. Block Island Times reporter Gloria Redlich was thanked for her coverage of the meetings.

**Update on Activities:**

Senior Aerobics

Senior aerobics is up and running with six attendees at the first session.

Swimming Pool

Ms. Spak reported that the Town Manager will contact the Neptune House president regarding improving access to the pool with pool stairs.

### New Fall Activities

Walkers – It was noted that the walking program began at Heinz Field, but the deplorable conditions on the track forced the group to change the venue. The group will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Beach north parking lot and walk Corn Neck Road. Ms. Theve reported that she has written a letter to the Town Council regarding fixing and maintaining the conditions at Heinz Field.

Stoneridge – The trip to Stoneridge will be Tuesday, September 21, 2010. The trip is free except for the cost of a passenger ferry ticket. The bus will be leaving from and returning to the Community Center.

Driving Course – 21 people have signed up for the driving course scheduled for September 29, 2010.

### **Community Bulletin Board**

Ms. Kelly reported that she expected a November 1<sup>st</sup> launch of the Community Bulletin Board.

### **Providing Seniors with Safety Devices**

Ms. Pierce found appropriate safety lights and will order some for distribution.

### **Update Senior Moments Brochure**

This item is presently on hold.

### **New Business: Need to Advertise Activities**

Ms. Pierce stated that she had spoken with the Block Island Times about incorporating a box in the paper highlighting the senior activities of the week, but the paper was not yet on board. It was suggested that the “On the Block” section in the paper have a Senior Moments section on the bottom highlighting the senior activities.

### **Public Input**

There was no public input.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

At 11:26 a.m., Ms. Theve moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and carried unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: November 17, 2010