

**Senior Advisory Committee**  
**Friday, April 18, 2014**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**1:30 p.m.**

Present: Co-Chairs Gail Pierce and Sandra Kelly, Members - Susie Wright, Deborah Martin, Betsey DeMaggio, Ann Henault and Linda Spak. Also present for the recording of minutes, was Millie McGinnes. Commission members Dorothy Graham and Sandra Hopf were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sandra Kelly at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, February 18, 2014**

Ms. Wright moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Martin and carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Martin, Spak, Henault, Kelly)                      Nays 0  
Absent 2 (Graham, Hopf)

Ms. Kelly moved to amend the agenda to address item # 2 “Interview and act on hiring potential Senior Coordinator” at the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henault and carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Martin, Spak, Henault, Kelly)                      Nays 0  
Absent 2 (Graham, Hopf)

**3. Act on needs assessment of the Senior population**

Ms. Pierce stated that she has been in contact with a potential summer intern who is interested in working 10 hours per week for 10 weeks. She noted that she thought that it would be a good fit for the intern to help perform a needs assessment of the senior population. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Spak moved to ask Rachel Heisman to be an intern, to assist performing a senior needs assessment and assist with other items. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Martin, Spak, Henault, Kelly)                      Nays 0  
Absent 2 (Graham, Hopf)

**4. Update and act if necessary on U3A progress**

It was reported that Elspeth Crawford has established a U3A Block Island website. Ms. Kelly and Ms. Pierce will be attending a meeting with the U3A steering committee. It was noted that the Senior Advisory role will be to support the concept and participate as warranted.

**5. Status of “Notify Now” presentation to Town Council**

It was reported that Town Manager Dodge is working with the IT Department to implement a notification program and the Senior Advisory Committee will assist with implementation if necessary.

**6. Discuss and act on “ Keeping in touch” program**

This item was not discussed and will be addressed at the May meeting.

**7. Discuss and formulate paragraph on Senior Advisory role for new Town of New Shoreham Comprehensive Plan**

Ms. Spak reported that the Town Planner was looking for input from the Senior Advisory Committee regarding the portion of the New Shoreham Comprehensive Plan that relates to the senior population. A subcommittee consisting of Ms. Spak, Ms. Pierce, Ms. Wright and Ms. Kelly will meet on Tuesday to work on such.

**8. Discuss and act on need to form a sub committee addressing needs of the handicapped**

Discussion ensued regarding handicap parking, handicap access and hearing impaired access around town. Ms. Kelly stated she may do some investigation. The item will be on next month's meeting agenda.

**9. Discuss communication with members of the Medical Center Board**

Ms. Spak and Ms. Wright will plan an informal sit-down with some members of the Medical Center board to discuss issues of mutual concern.

**10. Act on The Recreation Boards request for an alternate member on board**

Ms. Kelly noted that the Recreation Board is looking for a Senior Advisory member to sit on the Rec. Board as an alternate member.

**11. Update on activities:**

- a. **BIBB** - The Block Island Bulletin Board has 404 members and have posted over 2100 messages.
- b. **Soup Group** – Soup Group may move to Tuesday in the summer.
- c. **Lunch Bunch** – Lunch Bunch will end before Memorial Day.
- d. **Chair Aerobics** – Chair Aerobics is continuing.

**2. Interview and act on hiring potential Senior Coordinator**

Ms. Kelly moved to go into closed session at 2:22 p.m. pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46-5(a)(1) for discussion of job performance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spak and carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Martin, Spak, Henault, Kelly)                      Nays 0  
Absent 2 (Graham, Hopf)

Ms. Pierce reported that a committee interviewed Anna Christina Rogers as a potential candidate for the Senior Coordinator position. She stated that she was a well qualified candidate and discussion ensued.

Ms. Pierce moved to hire Anna Christina Rogers as the Senior Coordinator. Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 7 (Pierce, Wright, DeMaggio, Martin, Spak, Henault, Kelly)                      Nays 0  
Absent 2 (Graham, Hopf)

Ms. Kelly moved to go out of closed session at 2:29 p.m.

The motion and vote made in closed session was disclosed. Ann Christina Rogers was congratulated on her new position.

**Next meeting – May 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

At 2:30 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: May 20, 2014