

Senior Advisory Committee
Thursday, July 17, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
11:00 a.m.

Present: Co-Chair Sandra Kelly, Members - Deborah Martin, Linda Spak, Ann Henault, Dorothy Graham and Sandra Hopf. Also present were Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers, Intern MaryAnn Seebeck and for the recording of minutes, Millie McGinnes. Co-Chair Gail Pierce and committee members Betsey DeMaggio and Susie Wright were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sandra Kelly at 11:00 a.m.

1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, June 17, 2014

Ms. Henault moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spak and carried.

Ayes 5 (Spak, Graham, Henault, Kelly, Martin) Nays 0
Absent 4 (Pierce, DeMaggio, Wright, Hopf)

Sandra Hopf joined the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

2. Report of Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers

Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers reported that she was working on a resource list for on-island services.

Intern MaryAnn Seebeck stated that she was working on putting together a training session for home health aides. She noted that she hoped to put together a program and report back at the next meeting

3. Update on status of survey

Senior Coordinator Rogers reported that the senior survey has gone out in the mail. Ms. Kelly thanked Anna Christina, and Interns Rachel Heisman and MaryAnn Seebeck for their hard work on the survey.

4. Plan for Jenny Miller of Senior Care Concepts visit July 22, 2014

- a. Time and Place
- b. Groups to be invited
- c. Publicity

It was noted that Jenny Miller of Senior Care Concepts will make a presentation on July 22nd at 1:30 at the community center regarding senior resources available on the mainland.

5. Update and act if necessary on U3A progress

Ms. Kelly reported that the U3A program is up and rolling and will be heavily promoted come September.

6. Update on Status of “Notify Now”

Ms. Kelly reported that Town Manager Dodge is working on implementing the emergency alert system “Notify Now.”

7. Follow up on Arlene Tunney’s suggestions:

- A. Schedule trips for off island shopping**
- B. Van trips for “Early-bird” dinners**
- C. Establish a Widow’s group**

It was recommended that in September Arlene Tunney’s suggestions be researched for possible implementation.

8. Update on activities:

- a. BIBB** - Ms. Kelly noted that the Block Island Bulletin Board currently has 482 members and have posted 2,586 messages.
- b. Soup Group**– Soup Group has been well attended.
- c. Chair Aerobics** – Chair Aerobics is well attended and continuing.

Next meeting – August 19, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

At 11:28 a.m. a motion was made by Ms. Henault and seconded by Ms. Martin to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: August 19, 2014