

**Senior Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:30 a.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sandra Kelly at 9:30 a.m.

1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, October 21, 2014

Ms. Henault moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried.

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

Linda Spak joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

2. Receive Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Roger's Report

Coordinator Rogers reported the following:

A. Activities

1) Medicare talk

Suzanne Carson will be making a presentation on November 25th at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center regarding Medicare.

2) Estate Planning

An estate planning talk given by a Providence attorney regarding trusts, wills, powers of attorney and living wills is being planned.

3) Scam/Fraud talk

The scams and fraud presentation from the Better Business Bureau was postponed due to weather. It may be rescheduled for 12/2 or 12/9.

4) Report on talk with Sven Risom of Large Assets group investigating possible sites for exercise area

Ms. Rogers had a discussion with Sven Risom of the Large Capital Asset Group regarding senior needs such as an exercise area, etc. At this time the Group is evaluating Town owned buildings, their uses and their potential future uses.

5) Susan Carson's of SCCA visit

Suzanne Carson will be making a presentation on November 25th at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center regarding Medicare.

6) Karen Hawthorn's possible educational presentation

Karen Hawthorn of the Elms is interested in giving an Alzheimer's awareness presentation. This will be scheduled in January.

B. Outings

1) Wrentham Mall

The trip to the Wrentham Mall was postponed due to weather. It may be rescheduled for early December.

2) Camelot

An overnight trip to see "Camelot" at the Providence Performing Arts Center is being organized for December 12th.

3) South County Commons

There are no plans at this time for an outing to South County Commons.

- An estate planning talk to be given by a Providence attorney regarding trusts, wills, powers of attorney and living wills is being planned.
- Ms. Rogers will speak with Father Joe Protano at St. Andrews Church to determine whether any area in the parish center would be an option as an exercise area.

3. Follow up and act on Maryann Seebeck and Gail Connolly workshop for caregivers

It was reported that Maryann Seebeck will continue to work on putting together a workshop for caregivers.

4. Senior Survey

a. Review results

A narrative summarizing the survey results, drafted by Maryann Seebeck was distributed. The committee members will review it for the next meeting.

Ms. Rogers noted that she has collated the written responses from the survey. She has a list of potential volunteers and also those that may be in need of assistance. Additionally, she has noted what activities, etc. responders were interested in.

b. Discuss the best way to convey information to public

The narrative will be finalized at the next meeting and then presented to the Town Council in January.

5. Status of Notify Now

Ms. Kelly reported that a team consisting of her, Pat Kelly, Gail Pierce, Linda Spak and Susie Wright inputted 464 residents information into a database for Notify Now. She sent the database to Town Manager Dodge. It was suggested that another mailing be sent out in the spring on colored paper.

6. Update on activities:

1. BIBB –

Ms. Kelly noted that the Block Island Bulletin Board has 558 members and 3,307 messages have been posted.

B. Soup Group

C. Lunch Bunch

It was noted that Soup Group and Lunch Bunch were going well. Advertising will be done to find volunteers to make soup and desserts for Soup Group.

D. Chair Aerobics

It was noted that Chair Aerobics is going well.

Ms. Spak stated that her husband Sam Spak will host another knife sharpening clinic.

7. Organize possible “Fall Outings”

a. South County Commons

b. Wrentham Mall

c. Theater trip

8. Discuss and act on possible changes in number of members on the board

Ms. Kelly and Ms. Pierce explained that there is concern that there might be problems getting a quorum through the winter with the nine member board. An option of reducing the number to seven and having two alternates was discussed. The members decided that they would not have any upcoming quorum issues and no action was taken.

Next Meeting –December 16, 2014

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: December 16, 2014