

**Senior Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**9:30 a.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sandra Kelly at 9:31 a.m.

**1. Approve Minutes of Meeting, December 16, 2014**

Ms. Pierce moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henault and carried.

Ayes 6 (Pierce, DeMaggio Henault, Kelly, Wright, Martin)                      Nays 0  
Absent 3 (Graham, Hopf, Spak)

**2. Receive Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Roger's Report**

Senior Coordinator Rogers reported the following:

- She has been networking with caregivers on the island and finds fear of isolation among the largest concerns. She suggested utilizing FISH to a larger degree and setting up a visitor program through it. She noted one of the obstacles in those in need using FISH is that they don't want to be a burden or put out there friends and neighbors.
- She suggested establishing a cell phone for FISH which can be passed around to volunteer coordinators, giving an established number to call. She will look into the costs of such a phone to present at the next meeting.
- Once a new phone number is established, she suggested creating FISH info cards for distribution.
- Perhaps a program can be established using the Early Learning Center van to do local grocery shopping/errand trips.
- The Better Business Bureau fraud prevention talk will be rescheduled.
- Ms. Kelly suggested scheduling a AAA senior driving course for the spring.
- Ms. Pierce suggested planning a trip to the Newport Flower Show in June.

**3. Status of Maryann Seebeck and Gail Connolly workshop for caregivers**

There was nothing to report on this item.

**4. Review and act on Ms. Seebeck's summarization of the survey responses**

**5. Finalize a narrative of survey results to be distributed to the Town Council as well as the public**

The survey summary was briefly reviewed. Ms. Kelly will rework a draft for the next meeting.

**6. Discuss and act on budgeting for year 2015 -2016**

Ms. Kelly reported that a working group had a preliminary meeting and are working on a budget. They will present at the next meeting.

Coordinator Rogers circulated an outline of how she spends her Senior Coordinator time in preparation for the budget.

**7. Continue discussion of possible areas for exercise**

There was nothing to report on this item.

**8. Election of SAC Officers**

Gail Pierce and Sandra Kelly were nominated as Co-Chairs and Deborah Martin was nominated as Secretary.

Ms. Kelly moved to elect Gail Pierce and Sandra Kelly as Co-Chairs. Ms. Wright seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 6 (Pierce, DeMaggio Henault, Kelly, Wright, Martin)                      Nays 0  
Absent 3 (Graham, Hopf, Spak)

Ms. Kelly moved to elect Debbie Martin as Secretary. Ms. Pierce seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 6 (Pierce, DeMaggio Henault, Kelly, Wright, Martin)                      Nays 0  
Absent 3 (Graham, Hopf, Spak)

**9. Correspondence:**

- **Edie Blane's letter pointing out several items needed for the elderly on island**
- **Millie McGinnes's gracious thank you to the group**

Ms. Pierce explained that Edie Blane's letter suggested that some action be taken to improve the following: disabled access compliance in restaurants; parking lot lighting; and accessibility for hard of hearing. Coordinator Rogers will meet with Ms. Blane to explore the subjects further.

**10. Update on activities:**

**A. BIBB**

Ms. Kelly reported that there are 577 members of the Bulletin Board and 3,560 messages have been distributed.

**B. Soup Group**

**C. Lunch Bunch**

Ms. Martin reported that Soup Group is going well.

**D. Chair Aerobics**

No update was giving on this item.

**E. "Notify Now"**

Ms. Kelly reported that there would be a test today and tomorrow of the Notify Now emergency contact system. Ms. Henault will draft a publicity blurb for distribution regarding community-wide testing.

**The next meeting will be February 17, 2015**

With no further business to discuss Ms. Pierce moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wright and carried unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: February 23, 2015