

**Senior Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2015**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**9:30 a.m.**

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

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

**1. Public Input**

There was no public input.

**2. Approve minutes of meeting June 16, 2015**

Ms. Kelly moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015. Ms. DeMaggio seconded the motion and it carried.

Ayes 7 (Kelly, Pierce, DeMaggio, Hopf, Spak, Wright, Martin)

Nays 0

Absent 2 (Graham, Henault)

**3. Receive Report of Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers**

Senior Coordinator Rogers was present and reported the following:

- The caregivers support group has had two attendees and will continue for now.
- Ms. Rogers has been in touch with South County Community Action, searching for additional support for Block Island. She will continue to reach out to them, though she has found their resources to be overtaxed and limited.
- Gentiva Hospice will give a presentation on August 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the difference between hospice care and palliative care.
- A presentation regarding arthritis will be scheduled for the fall.
- Elizabeth Lombardo made a presentation on the Science of Happiness. It was well attended, with 20 attendees.
- The Tai Chi class has had great participation and is covering costs.
- Tai Chi instructor Tom Hobin is hoping to begin offering his services as a physical therapist in the fall or winter.
- The Balance and Strength Training class does not have enough participation to cover costs at this time.
- Karen Capuciati has a caregiver resource website called "In Care of Dad."

**4. Discuss and act on hours for the Senior Coordinator position**

Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers requested a raise in her salary to \$23.00, sustaining the average of 10 hours per week. Discussion ensued. The item will be considered at the next meeting.

**5. Discuss and act on Life Line**

Ms. Spak stated that she will report at the next meeting on the status of a potential “Life Line” screening day.

**6. Update on Notify Now**

There was no update.

**7. Revisit needs for handicapped access: Parking, restaurants, beach access**

Ms. Hopf reported that she has called the Governor’s Office on Disabilities multiple times in an attempt to gather information regarding accessibility issues, but has had no response. She will try email contact.

Ms. Spak stated that she believes that handicap access is a zoning and building issue and not under Senior Advisory’s purview.

**8. Update on activities:**

**A. BIBB**

Ms. Kelly reported that there are 724 members of the Bulletin Board and 5015 messages have been distributed.

**B. Soup Group**

Ms. Pierce noted that Soup Group has been well attended, with up to 20 attendees.

**C. Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch has been suspended for the summer.

**D. Chair Aerobics**

It was noted that Chair Aerobics continues on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 – 11:00.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

With no further business to discuss Ms. Spak moved to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wright and carried unanimously.

Millie McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: August 18, 2015