

**Senior Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:30 a.m.**

Present: Co-Chair Sandra Kelly; Members – Deborah Martin, Linda Spak, Ann Henault, Susie Wright and Sandra Hopf. Also present were Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers, and for the recording of the minutes, Millie McGinnes.

Co-Chair Gail Pierce and members Betsey DeMaggio and Dorothy Graham were absent.

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

1. Public Input

There was no public input.

2. Approve minutes of meetings: August 18, 2015, August 28, 2015 Open and Closed

Ann Henault moved to approve the minutes of August 18 and August 28, 2015 open and closed. The motion was seconded by Susie Wright.

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

Sandra Hopf joined the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

3. Report of Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers.

Senior Coordinator Rogers reported on the following:

- Doreen Putnam will make a presentation: the Alzheimerist on September 19th 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Ms. Spak and Ms. Kelly will make lunch.

Ms. Wright moved to authorize payment of \$200.00 to Doreen Putnam for the Alzheimerist presentation. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

- Balance and strength training classes will continue using local instructors for half the cost.
- The Caregiver Support Group has been going well, with 4 – 5 participants per session.
- Ms. Rogers will see if there is interest for the AARP driver safety course this fall. If little interest exists, then it will be scheduled for the spring.
- Ms. Rogers has been talking with Dr. Clark from the medical center about working to put together a CNA class to train for in-home care giving. She is looking for funding to help defray the costs of a class. Ms. Spak stated she was reluctant to get involved in medical issues. Ms. Hopf stated that the committee should be raising awareness on the need for a social worker. Ms. Rogers explained that she was honing in on needs and helping to coordinate assistance.

4. Act on fee to BIED re: Use of the Community Center

Ms. Spak moved to authorize the payment of \$300.00 to Block Island Economic Development Foundation for use of the Community Center July – September. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and it carried.

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

5. Discuss and Act on Life Line

Ms. Spak reported that she has not received a call back from Life Line.

6. Update on Status of “Notify Now”

The Notify Now program is in place, but it has not yet been used. It was suggested that a test of the system be performed.

7. Discuss and Act on Safe Driver Course

This item was discussed under the Coordinators Report.

8. Revisit needs for Handicapped Access: Parking, Restaurants, Beach Access

Ms. Hopf reported that she has not had any response from the RI Office of Disabilities. She stated she will continue to follow up.

9. Discuss Increase of Town’s Elderly Tax Relief

Discussion ensued regarding potentially increasing elderly tax relief. It was noted that there is no access to data to backup the need or lack of need of such a relief. This item will be further discussed at the next meeting.

10. Update on Activities:

a. BIBB

Ms. Kelly noted there were 765 members of the Bulletin Board with 5,624 messages posted.

b. Soup Group

Ms. Martin stated that Soup Group may close down if there is not more participation. It will be advertised on the Block Island Bulletin Board.

c. Chair Aerobics

It was noted that chair aerobics has been well participated.

At 10:32 a.m., with no further business to discuss, Ms. Spak moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wright and voted unanimously.

Millie McGinnes

Minutes Approved: October 21, 2015