

Senior Advisory Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
New Shoreham Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:30 a.m.

Present: Co-Chairs Gail Pierce and Sandra Kelly, members Betsey DeMaggio, Deborah Martin, Suzanne Wright, Ann Henault and Dorothy Graham. Absent were Linda Spak and Sandra Hopf. Present to record the minutes was Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick.

Co-Chair Gail Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:30.

1. Public Input

There was no input from the public.

2. Approve Minutes of meetings: October 21, 2015 and November 2, 2015

Suzanne Wright moved to approve the minutes of October 21 and November 2, 2015 as presented, seconded by Ann Henault.

Ayes: 7 (Pierce, Kelly, DeMaggio, Graham, Henault, Martin, Wright)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Hopf, Spak)

3. Review and act on Financial reports

Betty DeMaggio moved to accept the Financial Statement of November 4, 2013, seconded by Dorothy Graham.

Ayes: 7 (Pierce, Kelly, DeMaggio, Graham, Henault, Martin, Wright)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Hopf, Spak)

4. Receive report of Senior Coordinator Anna Christina Rogers

Anna Christina Rogers reported:

- Judy Durden would like to sponsor a Lunch Bunch with the third grade students. Ms. Rogers will ask Ms. Durden to contact Sandra Kelly.
- The Wrentham Mall trip was postponed due to scheduling problems with the van. The new date will be Monday, December 7.
- Tai Chi remains popular and was led by a student when inclement weather prevented the instructor from attending.

5. Review, discuss and act on Senior Coordinator job description

The job description was discussed and minor changes were made.

Motion to accept with changes discussed, Deborah Martin seconded by Betsey DeMaggio.

Ayes: 7 (Pierce, Kelly, DeMaggio, Graham, Henault, Martin, Wright)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Hopf, Spak)

Ms. Kelly will give the Town Manager the job description and ask her to meet with the Committee to discuss.

6. Discuss and act on recommend to the Town Council to create a new department, Dept of Senior Services or Dept of Health & Human services. Inquire on any discussion, resolution from Town Manager and Town Council on position of SAC and Senior Coordinator.

The Senior Coordinator spoke for the establishment of a Department of Senior Services. The Committee decided by consensus to wait until the Senior Coordinator's job description has been approved before continuing the discussion.

7. Discuss and act on new survey requested by the Department of Elderly Affairs

The survey was discussed and minor changes were made. A new version will be presented to the board.

8. Update on status of "Notify Now"

Ms. Kelly reported about 400 households are enrolled. There was a brief discussion about how to invite new members to enroll without having existing members re-enroll.

9. Initiate and discuss initial budget process

Ms. Kelly circulated an updated budget based on last year's budget and expected expenses, the Committee will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

10. Discuss and act on Elliot Taubman's request for help with the Manley Fund Dinner

Mr. Taubman, who was not present, has asked for help serving and boosting turnout for the annual February game dinner fundraiser. The date has not been set.

11. Update on board membership terms

All members would like to renew.

12. Update on activities:

- a. **BIBB** 798 users and 6,192 messages posted
- b. **Soup Group:** Soup Group serves a group of ten to twelve regulars
- c. **Chair Aerobics:** There is a regular group of 6 to 7 people
- d. **Lunch Bunch:** The program is going well, and there are a few new faces
- e. **Tai Chi:** The seated and standing programs will be combined for the winter
- f. **Strength and Fitness:** Has been slow to catch on but benefits those attending

Ms. Rogers said the RI Department of Elderly Affairs probably has funding available for a meals on wheels program and DEA advises that a community can usually work with the school lunch vendor to provide the meals. There was a brief discussion about a program in the past delivering Block Island Grocery meals to a few people.

The next regular meeting will be December 15, 2015.

At 10:45, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Pierce and seconded by Ms. Wright.

Ayes: 7 (Pierce, Kelly, DeMaggio, Graham, Henault, Martin, Wright)

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 (Hopf, Spak)

Minutes approved December 15, 2015

Fiona Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk