

Senior Advisory Committee Minutes – November 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Vail.

Roll Call

Members present were: Russ Anderson, Lucky D'Ascanio, Jen DeRice, Carol Kauffman, Amy Lamontagne, Peggy McGehee and Dolores Vail. Joel Glass, Catherine Hannon, and Ray Jett were absent.

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of September 22 meeting.

Peggy moved to approve the minutes; Carol seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Item 2 – Discuss Public Form at November 9 Town Council Meeting

Amy reported that this item will be second on the agenda, after Bond Counsel. Lucky updated the staff on public interest about the Mason Motz Activity Center (i.e. stopping by for tours, answering e-mail questions, etc). Amy also reported public interest and curiosity after the committee report to the Town Council. Town staff responded to multiple e-mail questions and requests for the Senior Survey, Report, etc.

Item 3 – Discussion about the committee's future priorities (assuming committee charge is extended for additional year).

The group agreed that future priorities are listed in the "Recommendations" PowerPoint slide. These include affordable senior housing, tax relief, and regional services. Carol distributed an article from *The Forecaster* about the Town of Yarmouth and its approach to senior issues.

Jen mentions Cape Elizabeth's "Senior to Senior" program. She offers to contact the program advisor for more information.

Dolores would like to visit senior centers. She would like to know how other communities do programming and what is their fee structure?

There is a discussion about increasing the committee from seven to nine members. Peggy makes a note to recommend this option to the Town Council on November 9. Amy offers to speak with the Town Clerk (who also staffs the Appointments Committee) to determine if there are any interested residents. If there are no residents in the queue, the Town will advertise.

Item 4 – Other Business

Lucky updates the group about the construction estimation process. She contacted Doten Construction because they recently completed the work at Mason Motz. Lucky's construction contact was on vacation and just returned to the office and she is waiting to meet with him. He will do a walk through of the current music room (senior space) and provide estimates for potential work (i.e. kitchen install, window changed into a door, etc). Lucky hopes to have details soon.

Peggy speaks with the committee about a possible SCAC proposal to the Town Council regarding OceanView/Town Green. The item is on the November 9 agenda and Peggy would like the Town to wait until 2016 before deciding to sell, give or convey any part of the Town Green. This request is consistent with the committee's recommendation in its September report. Delaying a vote would allow the SCAC to implement a plan and budget (per the report). Peggy is also concerned with the current affordable housing plan and wants to give priority to Falmouth residents. Chair Vail agrees with the proposal. After additional discussion, Carol and Jen do not agree so the proposal does not move forward.

The next meeting is **December 1 at 6:00 pm** at the Mason Motz Activity Center.

Item 5 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.