

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes – January 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am by Chair Vail.

Roll Call

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

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of December 1 meeting

Peggy moved to approve the minutes; Joel seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Guest Speaker – Erin Cadigan from the Tercentennial Committee

Erin Cadigan introduced herself and provided some information about her multi-year role with the Tercentennial Committee. Erin brings extensive experience to the position, including past work with several state and national historical associations. Erin notified the SCAC about an upcoming stakeholder meeting (to be held in February). This meeting will get Falmouth's 300th anniversary on committee radars get residents to start thinking about activities, etc. The Tercentennial Committee has been very active with meetings and brainstorming sessions. The group is looking for more ideas including items like oral histories from the most senior residents in town, etc. Erin would like the SCAC to think about their role in the 300th anniversary. Will the group hold coffee sessions at Mason Motz or do other things to encourage participation?

Joel and Carol are on the Tercentennial Committee and will be excellent liaisons between the two committees. Joel suggested that the SCAC start thinking about these items and come back with suggestions. Amy will add an item to the February meeting agenda.

Item 3 – Discussion about meeting day and times for 2016

Amy's informal e-mail poll did not reach consensus so the group continued its discussion about future meeting days, times and locations. After much debate, the new day is Wednesday at 8:00 am and the location will be the Mason Motz Activity Center. Meeting dates were scheduled for February 3, March 2, April 6 and May 4.

Item 4 – Discussion about additional committee members

Ray Jett announced his resignation. He will still participate, but not be an active committee member. With Ray's vacancy and the two new slots, there are three open positions. Amy spoke with the Deputy Town Clerk about possible interested candidates already in the Appointments

Committee process. There is one possible candidate but that person needs an interview before being appointed. The Town will advertise the committee vacancies and hopefully, the positions will be filled.

Peggy asked for the committee application and Amy said that she would e-mail it to the group. If group members know interested people, an application must be completed and forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office. The candidate will be interviewed by the Appointments Committee. Amy will provide a recruiting update at the next meeting.

Item 5 – Other Business

Amy reported that a quote has been received from Doten Construction for the kitchen, as well as the door, at Mason Motz. The quote must be reviewed with the Town Manager before going to the committee. Because of the holiday and vacations, that will not occur until mid-January. Amy and Lucky will provide an update at the February 3 meeting.

Dolores would like Joel to provide a Transportation update to the committee in February. She also mentioned Jen providing a Senior to Senior Update. The group would like Denise M (from Community Programs) to speak.

Dolores also mentioned Senior Housing in town. Perhaps that discussion could occur in March or April?

Peggy would like to add the Senior Coordinator position to the agenda.

Item 6 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 9:19 am.