

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes – March 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Chair Vail.

Roll Call

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

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of February 3 meeting

Jen moved to approve the minutes; Catherine seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 2 – Work Session – Discuss committee goals and objectives. Develop work plan and implementation plan for the year.

Catherine spoke with Holly, the Volunteer Coordinator at Falmouth High School. The school has had a program with OceanView for 17 years. Students meet with residents once per month and also work with the Memory House. Holly is available to meet with the SCAC and the group agreed that she should attend the May meeting (before the end of the school year). Catherine will extend the invitation.

Dolores discussed a volunteer network for help with exterior household chores, etc. The group agreed that this is a good idea but perhaps this is a job for the new staff position? Aside from the community need, there are no volunteers drafted and the process will take time. Dolores would like to research the need and get a list of interested people. The group decided to advertise on Channel 2 and send some information to town website subscribers. Because Amy is away for two weeks after tomorrow, Dolores will work with Melissa to create text for the Channel 2 slide.

Jen reported on the interior design progress. She is still working with a Falmouth resident and hopes to have more information soon.

Amy provided a quick update on the new position/job description. Before Lucky left for vacation, she worked with Jen to create a draft. Amy has done a quick review but more work must be done. A draft will be provided to the SCAC in May.

The planning portion of the meeting identified these key topics for the group.

1. Develop a Senior Citizen Volunteer Network
2. Senior Concerns
3. Senior Tax Relief

4. Meals
5. Affordable Housing (work with the Town and/or public/private partnership). Peggy noted that the term “Affordable Housing” isn’t defined in the town ordinance.
6. Zoning – Remove obstacles for in-law apartments, site design and Planning Board Approval. Amy suggested adding this item to the April 13 agenda when the Town Manager will be present. He can update the group on current initiatives related to this issue.

Item 3 – Other Business

Amy reviewed the agenda for April 13. Meetings topics will include Senior Tax Relief, Zoning and Senior Center Construction Update. The May 11 agenda will tentatively include Holly and a job description review. Additional meetings have been scheduled for June 8, July 13 and August 10.

Item 4 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 9:16 am.