

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Minutes – May 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 am by Chair Vail.

Roll Call

Members present were: Lucky D'Ascanio, Jen DeRice, Russ Anderson, Herb Hartley, Peggy McGehee and Dolores Vail. Carol Kauffman, Amy Lamontagne, Catherine Hannon and Joel Glass were absent. Nathan Poore, Town Manager and Guest speaker, Holly MacEwan were also in attendance

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of April 14 meeting

The meeting began with our Guest Speaker as she was on a schedule and Peggy was only available for 10 minutes so April's minutes were not approved as there was no quorum.

Item 2 – Special Guest – Holly MacEwan, Volunteer Coordinator for Falmouth Schools

Holly spoke about many of the programs that she is involved in with Falmouth students including Service Learning and Intergenerational Programming programs for grades K-12 as well as the Community Service program for graduating Seniors. Many of the programs that students are involved with have a connection to Ocean View including "Wisdom Tea" and can be easily duplicated at other venues such as MM Activity Center. Several high school students have done "projects" such as Movie Day and/or individual music concerts at the Legacy Care unit at OV. Jen DeRice described Cape Elizabeth's Senior-to-Senior program and the group discussed how we could coordinate with Holly to incorporate students into some of FCP's current programming as well as reach out and communicate to others in the community that could possibly benefit.

Item 3 – Senior Room Construction Update

Lucky informed the group that she had met with potential GC for the project and that she had reached out to a local architect who is willing to assist with the specifications and design. She is waiting for his reply to then set up a meeting and proceed. It was mentioned that Lucky should look into the cost of adding another "heat pump" to the Senior Room for AC. This item will be a standing item on the agenda as we progress through the summer. Anticipated construction will be mid-August through September.

Item 5 – Other Business

Dolores mentioned that Peggy spoke at the public forum to the Town Council regarding “Aging in Place” and limiting restrictions for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

Herb presented a concept of “Senior Citizen Days” unique to Falmouth (see attached). His proposal outlines the idea to establish special Senior Citizen privileges co-sponsored by proclamation by the Town Council and by participation of Falmouth businesses (service and retail) to extend 10% discount to Senior Citizens on the first Tuesday of every month. This item will be on the June agenda for further discussion as Nathan would like to discuss with staff and council members the potential benefits and possible implementation strategies of such a concept.

Item 6 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 8:58 am.