

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Minutes – October 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vail at 9:05 am.

Roll Call

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

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of September 14 meeting

Peggy moved to approve the minutes; Herb seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 2 – Discuss Senior Tax Relief (Strategy, Timeline)

The group discussed various options for Senior Tax relief. After reviewing programs from other towns, Peggy volunteered to draft a policy. Amy asked the group about implementation and explained logistics. The policy will have to go to the Finance Committee soon if funding is desired in the FY18 budget. Future Finance Comm. meetings are November 9 and December 14. Although time is tight, it would be beneficial to have a draft for the meeting on Nov. 9. The Dec. 14 meeting has a full agenda and also includes the school. However, Amy cautioned that the group shouldn't feel rushed to get something done by Nov. 9 if they're not ready. Once the draft is complete and presented to the Finance Comm., the Town will research the financial impact, etc. Herb made a motion to move forward with a Senior Tax Relief Policy. Peggy seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Item 3 – Discuss "Senior Days" Proposal

Herb re-introduced his discount proposal. There was much discussion about implementation and who should be responsible. Herb thought it should be a town responsibility while Peggy and Joel suggested it should be run by the Falmouth Cumberland Chamber. Herb offered to draft a letter to the Chamber that Doris will sign on behalf of the SCAC. Amy offered to send the Chamber contact information to Herb. Peggy made a motion to support "Senior Citizen Days" and refer the plan to the Chamber. Jen seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Item 4 – Other Business

Dolores mentioned some future topics that have been part of the group's work plan (transportation, volunteer network, etc). She also discussed fundraising for the Senior Room. At the Town Council Meeting in September, there was some discussion about fundraising. However, the Council has already appropriated the money so is fundraising really necessary? Amy will do some research and watch the Council tape to determine what transpired during the conversation.

Item 5 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.