

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Minutes – November 9, 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, Herb Hartley, Carol Kauffman, Ned Kitchel, Amy Lamontagne, Peggy McGehee, Nathan Poore, and Dolores Vail. Catherine Hannon was absent.

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of October 12 meeting

Jen moved to approve the minutes; Carol seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 2 – Update on Senior Tax Relief

Peggy presented her draft of the tax relief program. The group asked many questions and Nathan provided background about the Council approval process. There are many logistics to be worked out – timing of application process, payments, maximum payment amount (\$750.00), etc. Everyone agreed that they'd like the plan to start July 1, 2017, and hoped money would be allocated every year. The group discussed funding levels and Joel asked about taking money from an account designated for this purpose. Nathan explained that the Council cannot be restricted and hopefully, there would be problems with funding a specific amount. Peggy motioned to move this draft policy to the Finance Committee for consideration. Herb seconded and motion carried 6-0. The Finance Committee is meeting that evening at 6:00 pm and Peggy will present the policy. Next steps include Amy and Nathan working with Finance on budget implications, etc. They will also speak with other communities already involved in the process. An update will be presented to the SCAC in January.

Item 3 – Other Business

Herb completed his letter (Senior Days proposal) to the Falmouth Cumberland Chamber and Doris reviewed it. Amy will make final changes and mail it.

Lucky provided a brief construction update. Work will begin later this month. The furniture order is almost ready to go.

Doris discussed the December 14 agenda. She would like "Transportation" added. Joel will also provide an update about his meeting with Yarmouth (Other Business). Melissa will compile the agenda and requests all items by noon on Tuesday, December 6.

Item 4 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.