

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Minutes – January 4, 2017

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

Roll Call

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

Item 1 – Approve Minutes of December 14 meeting

Lucky will make some corrections to the minutes and resend. A quorum was not available to approve and this item will go on the next agenda.

Item 2 – Special Guest – Suzie McCormack from the Town of Cumberland's Aging in Place Committee

Suzie discussed Cumberland Area Rides or CAR. The ride service was started in March 2016 and is church based. The church carries an insurance policy and the Town pays for it (approx. \$1400/yr). There are 17 volunteer drivers and 30 riders on a list. The majority of rides (80%) are medical appointments. Each "ride" takes about 1 ½ hours based on a roundtrip. The service is available to Cumberland residents aged 60 and older. A volunteer coordinator works from home to schedule volunteers and riders. The Town pays for her dedicated phone line and the police run background checks on all drivers. All driver documentation is kept on file at the church. CAR was modeled after similar ride programs in Kennebunk and Yarmouth.

The SCAC agreed that this is a great idea but Falmouth needs to do some work before offering a similar option.

Item 3 – Volunteer Discussion

Dolores inquired about high school students doing volunteer work for seniors. Jen offered to follow-up with Holly at the high school.

Item 4 – Senior Room Update

Lucky reported that work is progressing on the room. She's hopeful that work will be done in March (depending on construction delays, etc). The furniture should arrive soon and will be stored.

Item 5 – Other Business

Amy and Lucky notified the group that Wednesday at 9:00 am is difficult because it is the same time as the Town Manager's weekly Department Head Meeting. They've missed many times but during budget season, their absence is noticed. After discussion, the group decided to move the meeting to the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, at 9:00 am. The location will be the large conference room on the second floor of Town Hall.

Catherine asked to give her transportation update at the next meeting. Amy will put that item on the agenda.

Item 4 – Adjourn

Chair Vail adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.