



Wales Senior Center  
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## Town of Wales Council on Aging

Date: 10 OCT 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Wales Senior Center

Agenda:

Call to Order at 1:00 PM – Due to the Chair being absent, the meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Robert Herbert.

In Attendance:

Robert Herbert, Vice Chair

Jean Herbert, Secretary

Joyce Pickering, Member

Brian Hartling, Member

Cheri Fisher, Senior Center Director

Guests: Nancy Groom, Dick Silva, Ann Chrabascz

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Sep 05, 2019 meeting were distributed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Joyce, seconded by Jean, and approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

- a) Review of Sep Senior Center Activities – Cheri reported that all activities are running at the same level. Attendance was good for the lunches and exercise class. Woodburning class is popular and Cheri will be running every month for a while. Two trips were made to the Big E. There was a total of 12 people who took the van trips. Six people were present for Bingo. There was good attendance for the Wales Veteran's representative's talk and presentation. We will be getting a new representative in the next few weeks. Cheri will be looking at scheduling a visit for him. The casino trip is still being considered, but nothing is firmed up yet. There will not be any Flu shots at the Wales Senior Center

- this year. It is an event that needs to be contracted by the Town of Wales with the medical agency, and this was not done this year. Harrington no longer does contracting. A discussion on how to help Wales seniors took place. We have no method to contact all the seniors in town. Cheri will offer the van to take people to nearby flu clinics if people call the Senior Center. The Building Inspector has not come back to reinspect. Everything required has been completed except for clearing a 6-foot space around the furnace. This will be completed before he reinspects. The range hood fan was inspected by an electrician and is OK, electrically. The problem may be a loose belt. If it fails again, we will have to call in a technician who is qualified to fix range hoods. The fridge in the basement might be leaking. Cheri will be monitoring.
- b) Van Usage/Maintenance – All van maintenance is up to date. The state inspection was completed. Still need to purchase and install mud flaps and then have the tires rotated before the winter driving season. Two Big E trips were done in addition to the usual use.
  - c) Discussion of Senior Center projects – The railing on the porch is OK but the top boards should be replaced with a composite wood that will not rot. Approximate cost is about \$200. The piping for our water system needs to be redone, so that the water meter to monitor water used is hooked up. The Fire Department has recommended that the fire alarms be hooked up to alert central dispatch. Jean asked if a small ditch could be dug along the edge of the parking lot to try and redirect some of the water. Several people volunteered to do come in one day and do this.

#### New Business:

- a) Upcoming Events for the Senior Center – The usual activities are all scheduled including lunches, exercise class and shopping trips. Cheri will be trying two new game activities: Scrabble and “Left, Right, Center”. Once-a-month Breakfasts will begin in November. A shopping trip to the Christmas Tree Shop is also upcoming. A December dinner for seniors is being done by the new Wales Police Chief. It is the first Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) activity. A Walking Club will put a sign-up sheet for walking on Monday mornings. The 1<sup>st</sup> walk to be on the 21 Oct at 0900 AM, meeting at Five Bridge Road parking lot.

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- b) Discuss Financial/Budget Issues – The gift line is still open for the Senior Center. The Country Bank gift has been received. Cheri distributed finance spread sheets for the Senior Center. The accounting firm for the Town of Wales is being changed again.
- c) Dick Silva asked the Council what they thought their job was. Discussion revolved around it being an advisory board to advise and assist the BOS and the Senior Center Director. Further discussion occurred on the idea of a Friends of the Senior Center Group being restarted to help the Senior Center. Many ideas were discussed to encourage more senior participation at the Wales Senior Center. Cheri had a box of records from the previous Friends group and Ann Chrabaszcz agreed to look thru them to see what was in them.
- d) Discuss any Issues at the Senior Center – No issues

Motion to adjourn made by Jean, seconded by Brian and the meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.