

Town of Wales  
Council on Aging

Date: 09 MAY 2019

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Wales Senior Center

Agenda:

Call to Order at 1:00 PM by Pepper Wheeler, Chair

In Attendance:

Patricia (Pepper) Wheeler, Chair

Robert Herbert, Vice Chair

Jean Herbert, Secretary

Joyce Pickering, Member

Brian Hartley, Member

Elaine McLean – representing Senior Center Director

Guests: Nancy Groom and Bill Darnley

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the 04 APR 2019 meeting were distributed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jean Herbert, seconded by Joyce Pickering and approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

- a) Review of April Senior Center Activities - Cheri was not present, but Elaine McLean represented the Senior Center. Tommy Rolle provided musical entertainment at lunch which was well received. Elaine informed the COA that a storyteller, David Stikes, had contacted Cheri and wanted to come back to the Wales Senior Center. He will be scheduled for a later date. Voting will be taking place at the Senior Center on May 22 and the Senior Center will be closed but the Food Pantry will be open. Bingo had 7 participants for the May session.
- b) Pepper introduced the two guests to the meeting, Nancy Groom and Bill Darnley.

- c) Van Usage/Maintenance – Bus will be operating on voting day to deliver people to the polls as well as the scheduled shopping trip. Pepper asked that the van maintenance take place within 30 days if possible. This includes changing tires and scraping and painting the van steps. The Senior Center will need to purchase mud flaps for the van. The van also needs a front-end alignment. The Senior Center will have to provide funds for this also.
- d) Internet and Wi-Fi Update – Tabled until Cheri returns. The Wales BOS is in the process of re-evaluating the current IT support contract.
- e) Kitchen Dishwasher - Cheri had spoken with a plumber who was servicing the grease traps in the kitchen. He indicated that the Monson Senior Center had a dishwasher that is the same size as ours. Cheri asked Rob and Jean Herbert to visit Monson Senior Center to obtain information on their dishwasher. This was done and found that it was a sanitizer, not a dishwasher. They do have a service contact for their unit. Our unit is too old and cannot be serviced. Cheri had priced a new dishwasher from Gillette at approx. \$3000. Further discussion will be tabled until next meeting.
- f) Back Door Railing – The initial plan of building a railing is not feasible because the columns on the porch are hollow. Cheri would like to put a planter across the space to block it off. This is a better space filler than a bench suggested by the Building Inspector. Bill Darnley provided some history and indicated that whatever is done must be in accordance with Mass Code CMR 521. He suggested getting the same type of railing that is used for lower part of the ramp and drilling holes in the porch concrete and anchoring the rail with grout. Pepper suggested that Bill speak with Cheri upon her return.

#### New Business:

- a) Upcoming Events for the Senior Center – The normal activities will take place in May. A crochet class will be starting.
- b) Book Club – 28<sup>th</sup> of May will be first book club meeting.
- c) Discuss Financial/Budget Issues – Tabled until Cheri returns.
- d) Discuss any Issues at the Senior Center – Joyce mentioned that she does not like seeing the utility closet door open during Senior Center hours. The bathroom doors are also left open.

- e) Pepper wants to write a letter to be sent the BOS and acting Chief of Police regarding Senior Center thefts. She indicated that she has heard nothing in two years. A motion was made by Joyce Pickering to write a letter and seconded by Brian Hartley. No vote was taken on this motion.

Brian brought up the drainage problem at the entrance to the ramp that makes a puddle every time it rains.

Motion to adjourn made by Joyce, seconded by Jean and the meeting adjourned at 1:40.