

## SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

Present: Sharon Taylor, Patricia Jenkins, Penny Stetson, Jacqueline McNeill, Shirley Walker, Jerry Beckman, citizen.

Meeting began at 9:00 AM.

Frank reported his understandings from talking with town Planning and Zoning persons concerning "Mother-In-Law" apartments. It was a question raised by Jerry Beckman at our last meeting. Jerry will convey these findings to his neighbor who has concerns about structures on his property. Most important considerations are property size, attached building, septic considerations, and rise in property tax by 10%.

Jackie asked about the Noble property and if it could be used for elderly housing. Frank reported that there had been a study committee formed years ago on this idea and the committee had recommended that it was not the best use of this property. Jackie asked Frank could the idea of senior housing be reconsidered.

Sharon reported that she had received an e-mail from Jeff Donald of Seacoast Transportation Services, as he had presented at our last meeting and he is asking for people/organizations to contact that might know who would make use of transportation services. She has given to him the Lee Congregational Church phone number and Lee's Welfare Officer contact information.

Patricia Jenkins asked about volunteer drivers and that Mel Jenkins would be interested in helping in that capacity. The issue of getting names on a town form of those who may need help in an emergency or difficult situation was again discussed. Maybe we could ask Roger Rice, Recycling Adm., if there is something he could suggest to better inform residents who frequent the center. It would be helpful for SAC members to be at the Safety Complex during upcoming voting to make Lee residents aware that this help is available if needed, but that the form needs to be filled out to aid the process. The white board at the Recycling Center does not seem to be helping in getting information to our residents. Frank reported that a meeting of the EOC was held because of the winter blizzard Nemo: phones were handed out and six residents were checked that were on their list. Jerry Beckman reported that in 2007 he had sent out post cards to 380 seniors who were to be affected by a tax change and that several had shown up at town meeting because of that notice. Should we think of doing a similar mailing to see who would like help and who would like to volunteer to help those in need.

Our website needs to have several classes withdrawn for the time being. Maybe the wording should include "watch for upcoming classes." The card class was well received and another is planned and there are still a few vacancies. The site could ask who would be willing to teach a class and who to contact. Patricia felt the wording should be more specific--times and dates if available.

Sharon is now officially a member of SAC board.

We discussed our list of objectives as will be in operation for one year next month! We felt we had met many of these. #1--insight and guidance to selectmen on senior issues. Need more information on what are our issues from our residents; #2--support group within the town, seniors helping seniors. We should contact Boy and Girl Scouts, UNH, ORHS, to see which of these have programs for helping in the community; #3--develop a senior benefits manual outlining what is available by town, county, state. It would be helpful when the list is developed to have a few copies in key town offices. There is information listed on the website, but not all residents make use of this; #4--develop a senior activity program. Much has been done on this objective with classes at the library, more to come in the spring at volunteers homes;#5--develop and provide senior workshop classes such as taxes, health insurance, veteran's benefits, etc. WE will work with Scott (???) around tax time. He has offered his services. Jackie mentioned Service Link tax help and Sharon will look into this as it is sometimes offered at other libraries. We will continue to work with Walgreens and LGC and in August have a planning session to get out the information for flu shots. The flu shot event will be held annually in October or November. Veteran benefits are few, both town and state and many vets and families do not know what is available. Scott (???) may be able to help and Jerry Beckman will check on statutes.

A letter of appreciation will be sent to Donna Kay for her services rendered to Lee knitters. Frank will check with town hall staff to see about letter head and stationary.

It was decided that SAC should make a presentation to the selectmen in the future to report our accomplishments and make recommendations.

The minutes were read and accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM