

Kennebunkport Senior Advisory Committee
Minutes –September 19, 2017

Members Present: Bill Leffler, Susan Boak, Penny Gruen, Loreta McDonnell, and Susan Gesing. Member unable to attend: Dean Auriemma

Chair, Bill Leffler, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Minutes of the August 22 meeting were approved as circulated.

Susan Boak made a question-by-question presentation of the survey results based on 200 of the 300 questionnaires returned as of this date. Committee members had previously received a summary file in PDF format.

The following random impressions were noted from survey results and committee conversation:

- Survey response was very high—more than 300 out of a studied guesstimate of about 1037 residents 65 or older.

2015 Numbers from Susan B's calculations

65-69	306
70-74	290
75-79	186
80-84	133
85+	122

- Several noted that it is difficult to find people to help on small home maintenance jobs and a seminar for residents living in old homes might be useful, with topics such as energy efficiency.
- It seems that Kennebunkport has many existing opportunities for social life if residents take advantage.
- Older adults are more tech savvy than some might have expected. 170 of the 200 use the Internet every day and many use email. Interesting to note in terms of how to communicate information to older adults.
- Re: communications- inexpensive fixes: sign ups for emergency and other important push notices from town and phone trees.
- A number had trouble parking in public places because not enough handicapped parking spaces. Also noted: problems with sidewalk by post office.

Next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of next month, October 10 at the North Street meeting room, 9 AM. Committee would like to ask Alison, the town nurse, to come to the meeting. It was noted that it would be good to give her a mini report on some of the relevant (too her) data found in the questionnaires.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gesing, Secretary