

Ad Hoc Senior Advisory Committee
23 January 2019
Location: Graves Library Business Center

Attendance: Bill Leffler, Susan Boak, George Acker, and Amy Francis

Absent: Ken Olsen

Minutes/Actions from the previous meeting on 7 November 2018 were accepted.

The committee reviewed the committee report drawn up by Chair Susan Boak and approved it with few modifications. All agreed that it was a very good report.

A review of committee activities during the 2018 Christmas Prelude revealed a consensus that the night vision awareness project was both worth doing and well done. All agreed that repeating our efforts in 2019 would be worthwhile. We would try to expand efforts into the Cape Porpoise neighborhood next year. The feature of having a small "freebie" to hand out, such as the 2018 reflective armbands, played a large part in catching the attention of our target audience.

New action items developed at this meeting:

SAC_AI_31 assigned to **Bill**, contact Portside Rotary (Cornelia) to discuss having a speaker at the Rotary who will discuss public lighting needs. This idea arose from a discussion on the dearth of lighting at the Maine Street crosswalk directly in front of Graves Library. This poses a safety hazard for those attending the evening programs at the library as there is usually overflow parking along Maine Street.

SAC_AI_32 assigned to **Amy**, review the Town website to determine how easily services of interest to seniors can be found. The thought is that these services may be spread over different departments and a consolidated list under the Senior Advisory Committee page could be useful.

SAC_AI_32 assigned to **Susan**, arrange a committee meeting with Laurie Smith and the Fire Chief to discuss the possibility of distributing fire/carbon monoxide detectors in those homes with LIHEAP aid. The committee would like to target raising public awareness of the carbon monoxide problems that surface during the winter months due to outdated heating systems.

SAC_AI_33 assigned to **Bill**, contact Portside Rotary (Cornelia) to schedule Rozanna Patane, chair of the York Energy Steering Committee, as a speaker. Rozanna has done extensive work in York, ME to encourage participation in the Efficiency Maine program.

In addition to establishing several action items there was considerable discussion about the committee serving as a catalyst for community action. We would like to stimulate interest in volunteer aid in weatherization of older homes as well as

encouraging those who need help to sign up for public assistance such as Efficiency Maine offers. We are also hoping to find ways to promote local help for those who are house bound and unable to participate in social events.

Our next meeting has been scheduled for January 30th at 9:30 in Graves Library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Francis