

Ad Hoc Senior Advisory Committee

14 February 2019 (rescheduled due to 30 January and 13 February snow cancellations)

Location: Graves Library Business Center

Attendance: Bill Leffler, Susan Boak, George Acker

Absent: Ken Olsen, Amy Francis

Minutes/Actions from previous meeting on 23 January 2019 were accepted.

A final copy of the committee report for inclusion in the Town Report was distributed.

Discussion on **SAC_AI_31** assigned to **Bill**, regarding having a speaker at Rotary to discuss public lighting needs. While Bill hasn't been in contact yet with Rotary President Cornelia Stockman, there was a lively discussion on how to publicize this issue on public safety. If Lighting Committee Chairman James Stockman is not available to speak, perhaps committee member George Acker may fill in. In addition to the Rotary discussion, Susan Boak recommended writing a letter to the Lighting Committee, copying the Town Manager, addressing committee concerns as reported from our survey and our more recent work on night vision and pedestrian visibility. We could also include a reference to the Maine Traffic website and Kennebunkport "hot spots" and reported problem sites involving near misses.

SAC_AI_34 a new action item, assigned to **Susan**, was opened to track an effort to teach children how to be seen in the dark by means of a science experiment from Science Buddies/Scientific American. This experiment involves pedestrians but we may customize it for Maine by adding dogs as well. This would involve town police, Patrol Officer Ashley Sargent and Deputy Chief Moses and other volunteers. As for the kids, an opportunity to be out a night, with dogs, and do real work = a blast! By involving town groups and soliciting volunteers, we increase our message on pedestrian visibility. See the link below:

https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project-ideas/Phys_p104/physics/clothes-reflective-dark-night#summary

SAC_AI_35 a new action item, suggested by and assigned to **George**, was opened to track an effort to improve old headlight covers which often become frosted with age and greatly diminish the light thrown. George's idea is for the police to sponsor a two day workshop to use a special compound to buffer headlights at a subsidized cost. This work would be done by professionals and greatly increase night vision.

It was decided to discuss these new action items with the Town Manager as Town Employees were involved.

It was decided to defer, **SAC_AI_32** until the next meeting when Amy would hopefully be present.

Next we discussed a draft handout regarding fuel assistance and weatherization in the Kennebunks. While there was a good discussion, this topic needs to be brought back to committee for more discussion when everyone is there. Bill has a clergy meeting on February 15 and was going to bring up the topic then since Karen, the Community Outreach Officer from Kennebunk, was going to be the speaker. Bill was to ask Karen if she was acquainted with Wendy Lank from Arundel and Alison Kennaway from Kennebunkport.

Susan reported a conversation with Fire Chief Everett regarding smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. While in Kennebunk, Chief Everett was involved in a program with Red Cross to distribute and install these detectors. He will look into what is currently available.

Our next meeting is February 20, 2019 at 9:30 am at the Graves Library Business Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Boak (for Amy Francis)