

Ad Hoc Senior Advisory Committee
20 November 2019
Location: Graves Library Business Center

Attendance: Susan Boak, Amy Francis, Bill Leffler, Beverly Soule
Absent: Ken Olsen, George Acker

Minutes/Actions from the previous meeting on 16 October 2019 and 6 November were accepted.

Marylou Boucouvalas, Director of the Louis Graves Library, shared the Kennebunk Post article on local bus service with our committee and asked us to advocate for a few bus stops in Kennebunkport if possible. Her feeling is that it would help with social isolation if Kennebunkport residents could get to one of the main areas of town (Dock Square, Atlantic Hall, Library) and catch the bus then they could travel up to Kennebunk on the bus.

There was general discussion about creating committee visibility, raising awareness of our issues, and distributing educational materials at one of the Town-wide meetings (March election, Town Meeting in June, local neighborhood meetings such as the one for the Goose Rocks Residents).

New Action Items:

SAC-AI-62 Moving toward qualifying Kennebunkport as an AARP certified Age Friendly Community. Beverly will obtain an introduction to someone at AARP through her SMAA connections. Patricia Oh will probably be the ultimate person at AARP to work with on this. Susan will send our committee the AARP information on how to go about this certification.

Prior Action items:

SAC-AI-56 Bill has spoken with the local clergy group regarding the issue of senior isolation. He will continue to promote ideas of clergy involvement in the issue.

SAC-AI-58 Susan has contacted Jackie Watson of York County Community Action to discuss topics raised with Alison Kenneway. Jackie is willing to contact LIHEAP recipients by letter regarding installation of CO detectors in targeted homes (homes with elderly or under 2 years of age residents currently on LIHEAP). Jackie will continue to be our contact with LIHEAP recipients as Alison, our Town Nurse, only knows 5 of the 23 households.

SAC_AI_61 Beverly has sent a letter to SMAA regarding her thoughts on Senior Self Management as an issue with the elderly. That director, Megan Walton, has acknowledged receiving the letter and is reviewing it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Francis