

**Kennebunkport Senior Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes –December 19, 2017 North Street meeting room –9:00 AM**

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

Susan Boak called the meeting to order at approximately 9AM. Minutes of the December 12 meeting were approved.

Susan Boak agreed to check with the Selectmen to see if our proposal to extend time of our committee charge to end of February was accepted.

Discussions on the latest draft of the final report continued as each section was reviewed. Some changes and additions were made in the first several sections. Susan B. asked that additional information be included in the current town assets, specifically from her interview reports with the library. This section will be amended.

Susan B's email conversation with Patricia Oh is attached to these minutes per a recommendation made at the last meeting.

Dick Stedman, town Fire Administrator talked with the committee re: any services provided to older adults by the Fire Department. As he is the only town employee in the department and because he is generally the only person in the fire station of because all the volunteers are focused on their work, there are really no programs focused on seniors. Loreta asked Dick if fire department provided technical assists, helped check smoke detectors, or chimneys. Dick replied that if they had more personnel they'd like to help in that way but cannot.

Dick did say that there were some ways they might assist residents:

- Getting into a locked house
- Car stuck in a driveway
- Lifting assistance
- Flooded basements – possibly but it does involve risks

Dick talked about KEMS, a separate, private, nonprofit volunteer agency providing emergency medical care to the town. Dick is a former KEMS volunteer.. All KEMS volunteers have Geriatric Emergency Medical Service (GEMS) training. Volunteers are aided by 13 paramedics who provide full-time coverage. KEMS has a large number of trained volunteers but is always looking for more. Joe Carroll is the Chief of Services.

Dick provided an overview of the 911 system and how it works, using a 911 answering system/dispatch located in York.

Loreta summarized what the committee heard: The fire department's sole purpose is for emergency help and it is pretty much unable to offer other services.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 8 at 8 AM, at the North Street meeting room. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gesing, Secretary