

Preston Senior Affairs

The January 3, 2023 Preston Senior Affairs Teleconference meeting was called to order at 1:12 P.M. by Chairman Mary Lou Jensen. Members in attendance included Elizabeth Bassette, Mary Lou Jensen, Marie Perrin, Morris Fishbone and Frances Minor.

Minutes: M. Fishbone made a motion to accept the December 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by M. Perrin. Motion approved.

Correspondence:

- a. Reply to Town Clerk's request for meeting schedule.
- b. Request for re-appointment of existing committee members for one additional year.

Financial report: F. Minor provided the committee with an overview of the past months financial activities. The budget is in relatively good shape for this time of the year. Concern was addressed regarding the electrical usage and whether we will be able to keep within the budget parameters. We have extended hours on Mondays for the meal program and games; additional days of service to accommodate the AARP Tax Assistance program plus normal Tuesday and Thursday operations. With the approved rate increase by Eversource and United Illuminating, our normal expenditures will be skyrocketing. A second concern will be the rising cost of heating oil with the previously mentioned programming in mind. The choice of vendor is made by the Board of Selectmen with assistance by the Board of Finance. All other line items are within normal parameters. Motion made by M. Perrin to accept the financial report. Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- a. Annual Flu & Pneumonia Clinic. Tabled from October 2021. F. Minor reiterated that this agenda item will remain on the agenda until such time as this committee can meet in person and go into Executive Session to address the matter.

New Business/Other: F. Minor stated that, due to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the AARP Tax Assistance Program has returned to the Preston Senior Center. Registrations are slowly coming in and more aggressive advertising is needed to remind the general public that we are open. F. Minor also indicated that the month of February is usually the time in which the committee concentrates on requests for the next Fiscal Budget. No correspondence has been received from the Board of Selectmen concerning guidelines or the parameters in which we are to adhere to regarding future proposals. F. Minor will forward all correspondence regarding future budget proposals upon arrival.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by E. Bassette to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances Minor

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