Preston Senior Affairs Committee

The January 7, 2020 Preston Senior Affairs Committee was called to order at 1:11 p.m. by Chairman Elizabeth Bassette. Members in attendance included Elizabeth Bassette, Mary Lou Jensen and Morris Fishbone. Member Marie Perrin was excused. Guests included: Andy Depta and Fran Minor – recorder.

Minutes: M. Fishbone made a motion to accept the December 19, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by ML Jensen. Motion approved.

Correspondence: Correspondence was forwarded to the Board of Selectmen concerning the re-appointment of the committee members. In addition to that request, a request was made for the re-appointment of Frances Minor for an additional four-year term as Municipal Agent for the Elderly. (January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2023). Under separate cover, an individual request was forwarded to the Board of Selectmen regarding the re-appointment of Frances Minor to the Preston Senior Affairs Committee for a one-year term of office. (January 9, 2020 – December 31, 2020).

Financial report: The committee reviewed the monthly financial reports at length. All appears to be within normal projections at this time. The installation of the light illuminating our recently installed flag/flag pole has been completed. In addition, the malfunctioning light fixture in our parking area has been replaced. With no additional discussion, a motion to accept the financial report was made by M. Fishbone and seconded by ML. Jensen. Motion approved.

Old Business:

a. Senior Center repairs- the final stage of expending the encumbered funds has been postponed until spring. Painting of the interior of the center will be scheduled at a later time.

b. Structural integrity inspection- incomplete at this time.

c. Flu Clinic- M. Fishbone has recommended that we inquire with Norwich Tech High School’s Printing Department for the printing of our flu clinic brochure.

New Business/Other:

a. Mission statement, goals, objectives, five-year plan, policies, etc. The committee reviewed all of the existing policies which we currently operate under. Documents were updated and/or deleted as seen fit. The committee will resume their work on developing a five-year plan, setting goals, objectives, etc. when a full contingent of the committee is present. Discussion on the development of a mission statement will be continued during our next meeting.

b. Election of officers: M. Fishbone made a motion to reappoint the existing slate of officers for an additional year. ML Jensen seconded the motion. Discussion. F. Minor indicated that
that motion would not be acceptable as she was not currently a member of the committee. ML. Jensen withdrew her second to the motion. M. Fishbone withdrew his motion. M. Fishbone made a motion to nominate Elizabeth Bassette as Chairman of the Preston Senior Affairs Committee. Motion seconded by ML. Jensen. M. Fishbone made a motion to close nominations. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved. Vote was then taken to approve Elizabeth Bassette as Chairman. Motion approved. M. Fishbone indicated that F. Minor remain as the committee’s recording secretary until such time as appropriate for her to consider the nomination for the secretary position.

Public Comment: A. Depta question whether all of the Senior Affairs policies were on the town web-site? F. Minor indicated that some policies were. Mr. Depta questioned whether if he came to the Senior Affairs Office would he be able to have copies of the Senior Affairs Committee policies? F. Minor responded with a yes. Mr. Depta indicated that he was a newly elected member of the Preston Board of Finance but was attending the meeting as a private citizen and not representing the Board of Finance in any way. Mr. Depta queried as to whether we had received this year’s budget worksheet yet? F. Minor responded with a no. Mr. Depta asked whether we knew that the FY 20-21 Timetable Development date had changed? We were not aware of any changes.

M. Fishbone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. Motion seconded by ML. Jensen. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Fran Minor - recorder