Preston Senior Affairs Committee

The January 8, 2019 Preston Senior Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Bassette at 1:08 p.m. Members in attendance included Elizabeth Bassette, Mary Lou Jensen, Morris Fishbone and Frances Minor. Member Marie Perrin was excused.

Minutes: M. Fishbone made a motion to accept the December 4, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Correspondence: No correspondence presented.

Financial report:

a. F. Minor provided the committee with a lengthy review of the December expenditures. Additional invoices were received for the installation of the motion light, fire alarm monitoring and Frontier communication. A request for the release of encumbered funds to finalize payment to Johnson Control (SimplexGrinnell) for the intrusion alarm installation was submitted. All remaining line items are within normal projections. A motion was made by M. Fishbone to accept the Financial report as discussed. Motion seconded by ML. Jensen. Motion approved.

Old Business:

a. Intrusion alarm system. Final installation of the intrusion alarm system occurred during the month of December. The first portion of encumbered funds were released with the annual monitoring fee of $385.00 still untouched. Staff are becoming familiar with the process of arming/disarming the system.

New Business:

a. The Preston Senior Center was the recipient of many generous donations during the holiday season. All donations were distributed to Preston senior citizens in need.

b. Election of Officers. M. Fishbone made a motion to nominate Elizabeth Bassette as Chairman. F. Minor seconded the motion. E. Bassette asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing none. M. Fishbone made a motion to close nominations. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved to elect Elizabeth Bassette as Chairman of the Preston Senior Affairs Committee. Elizabeth Bassette abstained. M. Fishbone made a motion to nominate Frances Minor as Secretary. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. E. Bassette asked if there were nominations from the floor? Hearing none, M. Fishbone made a motion to close nominations. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved to elect Frances Minor as
Secretary. Frances Minor abstained. M. Fishbone made a motion to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the entire slate of officers. Motion seconded by ML. Jensen. Motion approved and one ballot was cast for the slate of officers.

c. Fiscal Budget 2019-2020 workshop. There was lengthy dialogue regarding fiscal responsibilities and obligations to be considered during preparation of our budget proposal. As stewards of the senior center facility, having oversight of senior transportation service, maintenance and upkeep are priorities and responsibilities which we continue to focus our attention and efforts. Upon completion of the budget, the request will include, under separate cover, written explanations for each of the line items. First Selectman Congdon will be queried regarding any projected COLA for town employees. At the conclusion, the Preston Senior Affairs Committee Fiscal Budget 2019 – 2020 will be submitted.

Public Comment: No public participants were in attendance.

Motion to adjourn: M. Fishbone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Motion seconded by ML. Jensen. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances Minor