Preston Senior Affairs Committee

The February 4, 2020 Preston Senior Affairs Committee was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by Chairman Elizabeth Bassette. Members in attendance included Elizabeth Bassette, MaryLou Jensen, Morris Fishbone and Frances Minor. Marie Perrin was excused. Members Elizabeth Bassette, MaryLou Jensen, Morris Fishbone and Frances Minor were sworn-in by Rene Wucik, Assistant Town Clerk prior to the start of today’s meeting. The meeting of February 4, 2020 was relocated to the upper conference room.

Minutes: A motion was made by ML. Jensen to accept the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

Financial report: F. Minor provided the committee with an overview of the January 2020 expenditures. At the halfway point, all budget line items are within normal projections.

A motion by M. Fishbone was made to accept the Financial report as discussed. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business:

a. Senior Center repairs-encumbered funds. Painting of the senior center interior will move forward during the spring.

b. Structural integrity inspection-incomplete.

c. Flu Clinic: F. Minor has contacted Norwich Tech High School regarding design/printing of our flu clinic information handout. We are awaiting information on price quotes, design recommendations, timeline, etc. It is anticipated that our new medical information handouts will be available by the October’s flu clinic date.

d. Mission statement, goals, objectives, five-year plan, evaluation process, etc. The committee focused on the development of our mission statement. Much discussion on verbiage, length of statement, identification of programs/services, etc. F. Minor made a motion to adopt the following statement as our mission statement. “The mission of the Preston Senior Affairs Committee is to provide services and programs for older adults that promote their well-being, support their independence and quality of life.” Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

The committee will continue working on our five-year plan, goals, objectives, etc. during upcoming meetings.
New Business/Other:

a. Budget workshop: The committee reviewed, at length, the current line-item expenditures, upcoming projects, increased costs, proposed cost of living adjustments, shortfalls, etc. Our 2020/2021 Fiscal Budget request, including narrative, must be submitted to the Selectmen’s Office no later than February 14, 2020.

b. Election of Secretary: M. Fishbone made a motion to elect Fran Minor as Secretary. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion approved.

c. M. Fishbone suggested to add, under new business, that we review, discuss/identify the number of ongoing activities and participation levels, etc.

Public Comment: No public present.

A motion was made by ML. Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m. Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances Minor