

Preston Senior Affairs Committee

The March 5, 2019 Preston Senior Affairs Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Elizabeth Bassette at 1:12 p.m. Members in attendance included Elizabeth Bassette, Mary Lou Jensen, Morris Fishbone, Marie Perrin and Frances Minor. Guest: First Selectman Robert Congdon was in attendance for the Transportation addendum portion of the agenda only.

Minutes: A motion was made by M. Perrin to accept the February 5, 2019 Preston Senior Affairs Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

Correspondence: No correspondence presented at this time.

Financial report: F. Minor provided the Committee with an in-depth discussion on financial expenditures for the month of February. Concerns were addressed regarding possible short-falls to this year's budget. As a result of additional programming, it is anticipated that the Line Item for Senior Center Staff will require a Line Item Transfer at years end. Remaining Line Items appear to be within normal projections. M. Fishbone made a motion to accept the Financial report. ML. Jensen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business: Financial Budget 2019 – 2020. F. Minor attended the Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop on February 7th. There was not a formal budget presentation but F. Minor was present to address any questions which arose. There was a reduction in the COLA for the Municipal Agent from 3% to 2%. The Senior Affairs Budget was submitted prior to the determination by the Board of Selectmen to propose a 2% COLA.

Unused medication disposal/collection site: F. Minor will contact the Resident State Trooper to query whether one can be established locally.

New Business: SimplexGrinnell completed an inspection of our fire monitoring system at the senior center. The inspection was a visual inspection only. A second inspection, including audio, will be conducted later in the year.

Transportation: The ECTC grant has run out of funding for this calendar year for the Medical Transportation portion of the grant. Mileage reimbursement funding remains solvent at this time. The committee is investigating ways in which to address the high volume of requests, allocation of rides available to participants and funding options. The new grant application is currently being developed.

Transportation Policy Addendum: (First Selectman Robert Congdon was present for this portion of the agenda only. 1:45 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.) Discussion surfaced regarding the lack of information within our current Transportation Policy regarding the transport of Service Animals. F. Minor will research information regarding ADA requirements/guidelines. Questions

arose regarding the health and safety concerns as both vehicles are utilized, at different times, to transport food to our Meals on Wheels clients and the Congregate Meal Program. Mr. Congdon stated that he will check with Uncas Health District regarding regulations which we must abide by concerning food distribution and the delivery of those commodities. Several scenarios were discussed regarding the possibility of utilizing one vehicle for transport of food and a second vehicle utilized solely for the transport of service animals. Addition information is necessary regarding animals that are not housebroken, whether a crate is required for the animal, etc.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

A motion was made by M. fishbone at 2:06 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by M. Perrin. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances Minor