

## Preston Senior Affairs Committee

The April 4, 2023 Teleconference Senior Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Frances Minor. Members in attendance were Marie Perrin, Morris Fishbone and Frances Minor. Chairman Mary Lou Jensen and member Elizabeth Bassette were excused.

**Minutes:** M. Fishbone made a motion to accept the January 3, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. M. Perrin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

M. Perrin made a motion to accept the January 24, 2023 Budget Workshop minutes as presented. M. Fishbone seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting cancellation notices from February 7, 2023 and March 7, 2023 were placed on file.

### **Correspondence:**

a. Sandra Allyn-Gauthier provided information regarding the Towns Public Comment Ordinance.

b. Fiscal Budget projection request was made by the First Selectwoman to be utilized in discussions with the Board of Finance for year-end projections.

**Financial Report:** F. Minor provided a lengthy review of the current expenditures and discussed upcoming changes to the invoice payment process. The Town Treasurers Office will become the point of contact for any future transactions. A year-to-date discussion was conducted regarding the ongoing deficit in the Heating Oil Line Item; and potential over expenditure of the Communications Line Item. With that in mind and barring any unforeseen occurrences, overall projections are favorable that we will come under budget at years end. The May Financial Report should show significant improvements and a more accurate accounting of our expenditures. Motion made by M. Fishbone to accept the Financial Report as discussed. M. Perrin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Old Business:**

a. Annual Flu & Pneumonic Clinic: Tabled from October 2021.

b. Fiscal Budget 2023 – 2024 update. All requested information was submitted to the Selectmen's Office. No additional information available at this time.

c. Conversation and Coffee: Packed house and all in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Trooper Sean Bresnan and Trooper Kris Fisher. Plans are in the works to offer another presentation in late June or early July. Ample staff and volunteers were available to perform duties of being the welcoming committee, hostess, refreshment organizer and clean-up crew. This event was a great success for the department.

**New Business/Other:**

a. Age requirement: A request for consideration of lowering the age for participating in activities at the senior center was addressed. The current Ordinance permits persons who are 60 years of age and older to participate in senior center activities. Much discussion ensued. At this time, a decision was made to remain with the standing Ordinance restrictions.

b. Building and Facilities Use Form update. The Committee discussed updating the current policy. Clarifications were addressed regarding insurance coverage, trash removal, the importance of annual updates, etc. The Committee will vote on proposed changes at a future meeting.

**Public Comment: None**

A motion was made by M. Fishbone to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m. Motion seconded by M. Perrin. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by

Frances Minor

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