

Minutes of Elder Affairs Committee

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Attendance – Roy Jeffrey, Barbara Tavitian, Paul Surette, Brenda Major, Carol Jesso, Tim Moore, Buzzy Blinn. Susan Sherman, and Christine Cruz. Guests were Pauli Johnson and Judy Barton.. Excused . Absent: Lori S, Audrey, Sean, Tom C. and Emily Low

Meeting called to order at 3:10 PM by Chairman Sue Sherman. Minutes of the November meeting were passed out and the group had a chance to look them over. Roy Jeffrey made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting and Paul Surette seconded the motion.

No meeting in December.

Brenda M: no minutes taken at January meeting due to our invited guest, Phil Consentino and Deb De Simone.

DISCUSSION ON ATKINSON ELDERS ASSOC.

Elders Affair Chairman, Phillip Consentino spoke at our January meeting and how they got started. Tim mentioned if we went ahead and had the same program here in Plaistow we would all have to volunteer to work every week. Sue wants to check with the Selectmen to see what they want us to do. There isn't a line item in this year's budget to get a department started. Sue did discuss with Finance Office putting in for \$500.00 for Elder Affairs under the Recreation Line.? Discussion centered around: We do have monies from 2012 fund raising which is around \$400.00. Do we want to use some of this money to purchase a rocking chair to be raffled off Old Home Day.? ? Need to get approved by TM and BOS. Roy suggested coming up with a scholarship of \$500.00 from our Committee? Have to check with the Selectmen to see how this is done.. Sue and Roy will approach TM and Selectmen regarding another raffle/scholarship. Suggested getting on next BOS agenda to give a report . This will be continuing business in March

New business: FRIENDS OF ELDER AFFAIRS:

Tim suggested we have a separate committee called Friends of Elder Affairs. They in turn would do money raising.. We can look into that idea. Create a fund?

New business: THANK YOU::

Barbara suggested we send thank you notes to Police Chief Phillip Consentino and State Rep Deb DeSimone for coming to our meeting in January and speaking on Elder Affairs. Sue asked Brenda to do this on behalf of the committee.

Continuing business: TOWN REPORT DELIVERY:

We talked briefly at end of Chief Consentino's program in January about putting inserts in the Town Report. This would be necessary information for the Seniors in Plaistow with names and phone numbers to put by their phone in their home. It was discussed maybe having the Meals on Wheels give out these information sheets? Carol will talk with Emily about this. And report back in March? Town Reports will be at Town Hall, Library, Post Office, Vic Geary Center and Voting Day. Roy and Carol offered to take Town Reports around to the Seniors, that we know of who might not be able to get to a place to pick up a Town report. It was reported that at the January meeting, a suggestion had been made to ask Lion's club to deliver Town reports. Sue suggested that this would all need to be

approved by TM and BOS, that Elder Affairs Committee is not in charge of Town reports, but that these ideas are all good ones and could be suggested as possibilities.

REPORT FROM ELDER AFFAIRS:

Sue and Roy will make an appointment to go before the Selectmen on Monday, February 11th to give a report on what Elders Affairs is doing and what we plan to do. New year and new goals? Does the BOS have anything they want us to work on?

Old business: TRIBUTE TO CARLI:

Talked about what we wanted to do for Carli.

Gift suggestions were maybe a bench, the placing of bricks with names on it or a flag pole at the Plaistow Recreation field. Also mention about a Scholarship to a Summer Rec child. Christina will meet with Sean Fitzgerald and see if the Town is going to do anything. An informal meeting has been set up for Wednesday, February 27th at 10:30 AM in the Town Hall to start planning. This is not a regular meeting of the committee.

New business: RUTH JENNE AWARD:

Kathy Giacobbe and Nancy McCormack want to do something in memory of Ruth Jenne. They suggested maybe a Young Women Award Luncheon. They mentioned it to Sue and she in turn mentioned to the committee. Roy, Carol and Brenda offered to be on the committee. Will pursue this in the spring

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th at 3:00 PM.. This will be upstairs in the Town Hall. .

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Brenda Major

Secretary

NOTE: I sent thank you notes to Elderly Affairs Chm. Philip Consentino and to State Rep Deb Desimone after our meeting. They came and spoke at our January meeting regarding the Elder Affairs Committee in Atkinson and how it started.

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