

Committee on Aging
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
January 14, 2021

Present: Ted Trainer, Ch; Marti Hess-Pomber, Vice chair; Linda Sentner, secretary, Molly Hoadley, Danielle Bonney; Blake Baldwin, Mike Pardue, Karen Winton, Candice Simeoni, Alaina LeBlanc

Excused: Susan Aubuchon, Judy Metcalf

Ted Trainer called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

The Minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected, adding “read Committee Handbook in preparation for January discussion.”

First item was a budget request to the Committee, submitted by the NPLH in December. Town staff explained their concerns about whether this \$500 request should go to the Town directly or to the Committee on Aging. Following discussion it was agreed that NPLH will submit the budget to the Town and the Town will use that opportunity to develop a policy for such requests in the future.

Second item was presentation of the Committee Handbook. Karen Winton explained how important it is for all members to read this document to ensure volunteers and staff are on the same page. Mike Pardue stressed that it is a positive document, a kind of Welcoming present for volunteers working with the Town. Committee members suggested a date be put on each revision of this document and the Town publish a simple checklist of deadlines (e.g. election of officers, submission of budgets). During the discussion of the Handbook it was noted that Committee had not submitted a 2021 budget by the December 1st deadline. It was agreed that as the Committee is not yet ready to formulate a meaningful budget, the 2020 allocation will be used in for 2021.

Third item was a presentation by Karen Winton of Town projects for which Committee support would be helpful. Mike Pardue reported there were about 150 such town projects. He also stressed that collaboration was the key word and the type of support from the Committee would depend on the project. Blake Baldwin told of ongoing efforts at the Select Board level to re-organize/re-align the committee structures – an effort that will include Town staff and volunteers going forward. In the meantime he believed our proposed discussion was exactly what they wanted to occur. Candice Simeoni reported she has many projects in line, such as education around the rapidly increasing number of scam calls in the town. She would like to Committee to help publicize and support these efforts. Many Committee members responded enthusiastically to this request.

Unfortunately, the Meeting ended prematurely due to another scheduled Town meeting and Karen Winton’s presentation was tabled until February. In the meantime it was agreed that Candice would email members with her projects and how members could help. Any questions would be dealt with via emails to Candice.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Next Meeting: February 11th at 3:30 pm.