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MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

6:30 PM

COUNCIL ON AGING

Attendees: Cindy Nicholson, Ed Daniels, Mary Beth O'Shea, Krystal Boyd, Marty Haspel, Jean Hilva, Judith Sendak, Noelle Smith, Lu St. Aubin

Welcome:

Mary Beth read the Treasurer's Report. Cindy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read and Ed seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

The Board then decided to save paper the minutes will be emailed prior to the meetings to be reviewed by the Board, and then approved at the next meeting.

Cindy made a motion to appoint Krystal as the Secretary which was seconded by Mary Beth. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dog Park Discussion:

Marty informed all that he is in discussions with the Nauset Newcomers group to get them involved with the discussions. He also noted that we should be talking to the surrounding townspeople as they will be using the park as well. Discussion then moved to Dyer Prince as the need for the park may be less if Dyer Prince is still available to dog owners.

Dyer Prince Discussion:

Cindy informed all that Selectman Martin McDonald and Selectman Aimee Eckman are looking for input from the community. Cindy added that we will be trying to meet with the Selectmen in January to discuss the issues.

Marty noted that water sampling is not new technology and is done on a regular basis and the Health Agent in town does not consider the area to be a problem based on the current test results from the summer months. He also noted that the Conservation Commission does not believe there are any problems with water quality adding that it is a bathing beach under state regulation.

Noelle noted that the best initial course to take is to educate the public about the area in regards to the private property areas and responsibility for their dogs. Cindy noted that the private property owners have hired a lawyer and are pushing to shut the area down. Ed noted that it is a very positive amenity for both our residents and our visitors. He added that we need to be able to counter their arguments with facts and we need to respect the rights of the private property owners.

Ed noted that areas to consider include the number of dogs in the area, current disrespect of the property owners' property, pickup of poop and bacterial water counts. Ed, Linda, Marty and Noelle created a committee to research and collect ideas pertaining to the area.

Other Business:

Cindy noted that a thank you note was sent to Candice for all her great information at the Annual Meeting.

Committees:

It was determined that Jean will be the initial contact for the Lost Dog Committee. The Board also agreed that there should be periodic updates from each of the committees.

Shelter Update:

Cindy informed the Board that DART held a simulation at the Sandwich shelter which was successful. She added that NRHS will have a simulation by July and training for DART will begin again in March. She noted that the needs for the shelter include 25-30 trained staff and equipment such as kennels and carriers. She suggested having a fundraiser to purchase the needed items for the shelter.

Event Tent:

Ed noted that the Board previously approved up to a \$200 expenditure for the tent adding that the brand and quality we are looking for is in a slightly higher price level. Noelle made a motion to spend up to \$350 for an event tent which was seconded by Mary Beth. The motion was voted unanimously.

Membership Drive:

It was discussed to possibly eliminate the membership cards as well as increasing dues, although a price was not set. The Board discussed getting more businesses involved in the discount plan as a justification for raising the dues. Noelle and Jean volunteered to speak with businesses. It was decided to hold off on raising dues until it can be determined what businesses will be involved.

Cindy noted that Karen Wheat has offered to cater a holiday party for the group as thanks for finding Callie. This will be discussed at the Dec. meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal M. Boyd
Secretary