

POMFRET SENIOR ADVOCATE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2012

Meeting called to order by Sue LaRose at 4:02 pm

Present were: Sue LaRose, Liz Cartier, Gail McElroy, and Cathy Grant

Absent were: Rita Conrad and Ann Hinchman

Approval of July 5, 2012 Minutes:

Liz moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Cathy. Minutes approved.

Citizen Participation:

Pat Roy, Greg Hetu, Bob Golombaski, Donna Olsen, Peter Mann, Maureen Nicholson, and Sybil Williams attended this meeting. They had nothing to discuss at that time.

TEEG Presentation:

Donna Grant and Stacy Roadcap came to our meeting. Their program list is attached to these minutes. Donna Grant told everyone about the programs that are available to the community. There are a wide variety of social services for both young and old. As for the Senior Center, they provide coverage one hour a day and can be contacted at anytime by citizens with questions and need for services. They receive \$31,610 in municipal contributions of which Pomfret contributes \$5,000. Attorney Frank Herzog will be at the Senior Center on October 16th to provide legal advice. They have an Open House on August 28th that everyone is invited to. A bus will be provided to drive people from the Senior Center to TEEG's new building.

Unfinished Business:

Senior Center Rental – The Senior Center was rented on July 8th for a memorial service. They had two comments. The front door was unlocked but the side door was not. There was no freezer for them to store their ice. In the future, whoever locks and unlocks the Senior Center will be sure to do both doors.

Freezer – Bousquet's Appliance has a Fridgidaire chest freezer, 5 cubic feet for \$259.99. This was \$100 more than the one at Lowe's. However, the need for a freezer was questioned and this item was tabled to the next regular meeting.

Whale Watch – everyone had a great time. It was found that the Hold Harmless Agreement that was used should have been modified to indicate event instead of premises. This will be changed for future events.

New Business:

Programs: The Commission went over program suggestions presented by Sue. The Commission discussed refreshments being served at these programs. Maureen suggested that the Commission consider forming a program committee to work with the participants to suggest programs for the upcoming fiscal year. This will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Food Purchases from Petty Cash – The question was asked whether money for purchasing food/refreshments for both programs and the center in general should come from the reserve fund or the program fund. Maureen Nicholson indicated that food cannot be purchased with town money. In the past, food, coffee and beverages had been purchased using petty cash funds. Motion made to cease using petty cash until a policy can be adopted was made by Gail, seconded by Sue. Motion passed unanimously.

Refreshments – There was discussion with the citizens relative to charging users for refreshments. In particular when hosting Wii bowling. Thompson Senior Center charges \$2 per person to purchase refreshments. They felt that Pomfret should do the same. This issue will be discussed further after the Commission has their finance meeting with the Town.

Quilt Expo – Motion made by Sue to pay the \$48 in admission fees for the six quilters to attend the Quilting Expo in New London on August 4th. Motion seconded by Liz. Motion passed unanimously.

Woodstock: There will be a program on August 15th for Woodstock music festival trivia. Participants will wear 60's clothes, watch a documentary and listen to the groovy tunes of that era. The Commission approved this program.

Bluegrass Concerts – Bob DiQuattro of Eastford addressed the Commission about his band renting our facility and charge \$10 per person with \$2 per person going back to the senior center. Refreshments can be sold by the Senior Center as a fundraiser. Two dates that he had in mind were September 29th and November 10th. The Commission will consider this at their next regular meeting.

By-Laws Workshop – The Commission will set a date at their August 1st finance meeting to work on the By-laws.

Liz moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cathy. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

CathyJ. Grant
Acting Secretary

Meeting Schedule at Senior Center at 7:00 unless otherwise noted:

August 1 at 10:00 finance meeting at Seely-Brown Village with the Town

August 15 – Regular Meeting

September 19 – Regular Meeting

October 17 – Regular Meeting

November 21 – Regular Meeting

December 19 – Regular Meeting