

Minutes

Richmond Elder Affairs Commission

March 7, 2017 – Council Chambers, Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairperson, Iva Lipton.

Present at the meeting were:

Absent:

Iva Lipton, Chairperson
Melania van der Hooft,
Lorraine Sidelinger

Jennifer Lee

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

The members reviewed the minutes of February 7, 2017. Iva noted a correction Town Manager should be corrected to Town Administrator and there was a misspelling of Iva's name . Melania van der Hooft moved, seconded by Lorraine Sidelinger to approve the minutes as amended.

Iva reported that she spoke with the Town Administrator and was informed that the Administrator cannot be a liaison to the Commission. The purpose of the liaison is to give a report to the Commission on Town Council matters. A discussion then followed on how difficult it is for Council members to attend our meetings because all of them are employed. Iva will talk with the Council President to see about our receiving a written report in lieu of a liaison.

Iva Lipton reported on Meals on Wheels. Iva stated that everything is going well and that the Richmond Senior Center is covering pickups.

Iva reported that there were no financial matters.

Iva reported that on the Memorial Garden. Iva will go to Warren's Bargains in the Spring for a shrub to plant in between the flag poles.

Since Jennifer is absent there is no report on Affordable Housing. There next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2017.

Iva reported that there is no new correspondence.

Lorraine reported that since we did not receive information on the proposed pharmacy program for March 7th, flyers were not sent out or notices to the Senior Center; therefore, the program will have to be rescheduled.

Melania reported that the School Committee budget hearing is this evening at 7:30 p.m

Under Old Business, Iva reported that we should have articles for the Spring newsletter to her at the next meeting. The newsletter is mailed to Richmond Seniors twice a year, Spring and Fall. Under New Business, Lorraine brought up the idea of not meeting every month, perhaps every other month and also on other ways to reach out to the seniors in Richmond. A lively discussion then followed. It was decided that perhaps in our next newsletter we could propose questions to residents on how we could better serve the senior population. Iva agreed to contact Dennis at the Senior Center to ask him for an article for our newsletter outlining some of the services offered at the Center.

Lorraine reported that she would not be able to attend the next scheduled meeting for April 4, 2017; therefore, it was agreed that we would schedule our next meeting to April 10, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.

Melania van der Hooft moved, seconded by Lorraine Sidelinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lorraine Sidelinger
Secretary