

## **Preston Senior Affairs Committee**

The April 5, 2022 Preston Senior Affairs Committee Teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Mary Lou Jensen at 1:03 p.m. Members in attendance included Mary Lou Jensen, Elizabeth Bassette, Marie Perrin, Morris Fishbone and Frances Minor.

**Minutes:** M. Perrin made a motion to accept the March 1, 2022 Senior Affairs Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by M. Fishbone. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Financial Report:** F. Minor provided a lengthy review of current expenditures and focused on areas in which we have exceeded the line item budgeted amount including; Telecommunications, Vehicle repairs and Oil . Concerns also arose regarding senior center staffing coverage through the end of the Fiscal Year. The per diem driver schedule has been working successfully thus far. With kitchen renovations anticipated to occur within the next week, the Repairs & Supplies Line item will be reduced significantly. Much discussion regarding need to ask for line item transfers. Motion made by M. Fishbone to accept the report as presented. Motion Seconded by M. Perrin.

### **Old Business:**

- a. Annual Flu & Pneumonia Clinic. Tabled.
- b. Fiscal Budget 2022/2023 update. M.L. Jensen and F. Minor met with the Board of

Selectmen to discuss our budget request. Much discussion regarding financial inequities for wages, drain on current budget for vehicle repairs; maintenance on an aging facility, health inspection requirements and repairs to monitor/security systems. The budget request also included an adjustment to the current line item for Senior Center Repairs & Supplies and Part Time Wages. The explanation helped clarify the need of the transfer. The new budget will allow for all part time staff wages to be consolidated into one central location. The next step is for the presentation at the public hearings and then the community has an opportunity to vote to approve/reject the budget proposals.

- c. Building Permit update. The Building Permit is posted at the Senior Center and the Educational Fee of .85 was paid to the Building Department. Work will hopefully begin during the upcoming week. F. Minor met with the carpenter on Sunday and selected the countertop

and fiberglass backing for the wall. The carpenter is responsible for removing all debris from the site. The plumber indicated that the sinks are in and we are ready to schedule a date.

**New Business/Other:** F. Minor indicated that she was contacted by someone who is interested in renting the senior center on a weekly basis between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. An application must be completed and a fee attached for the use of the facility. If this comes to fruition, the staffing of the center during these evening hours is a concern. Continued discussion will be addressed when F. Minor meets with the individual on Monday.

Review of Senior Affairs Policies and Procedures will be placed on the May agenda for the Committee. The process of approval for these items will be determined at the May and possibly June meetings. Copies will be made available to all Committee members in advance of the May meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Fishbone at 1:33 p.m. Seconded by E. Bassette. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances Minor