

Freedom Advisory Committee on Aging Minutes, January 15, 2020

Present: Rick Davidson Chair; Cheryl Harris (recording); Linda Habif via phone; Sandy Boyle; Anne Cunningham; Cindy Fleming.

No members of the public attended.

Rick brought up that Home Share from Gibson Center/AARP is now active and provided handouts; suggest we obtain copies for store, library, church etc. Also Transportation Program is active for Carroll County.

Call to order: 2:02. PM

- Review minutes from the October 24 meeting

Minutes October 24, 2019 reviewed: motion to accept Anne, second by Sandy, no revisions made.

- Discuss options for the future of the Freedom Senior Resource Coordinator position Rick said where do we go from here now that Cailee is no longer employed. Per Ellen White, the BOS decided to terminate Cailee. Per Cailee, she thought that the position has been terminated.

Balance remaining in budget \$6894 through March 31, 2020.

The computer was returned. It is unclear about the BOS choice about continuing the position. The need has not gone away. If the position continues there needs to be clear role delineation of chain of command and reporting responsibilities. It will be critical that the replacement report to BOS frequently.

It is unknown how many clients she served but she apparently did refer them to TriCounty per Dawn there.

This committee doesn't know what the stance of the BOS is. Also the funds needed to be encumbered for the remainder of this year..FCOA needs to meet with the BOS and get clear direction. We will request to be on the agenda on the next BOS meeting (1/27) with an agenda item of FCOA regarding Sr. Coordinator Position.

This committee will request their support for a warrant to continue the funding for this position since the need has not changed. Should the BOS agree to the warrant, recruitment would need to begin immediately upon (hopeful) approval at Town Meeting in March. It would be foolish to recruit someone prior to approval of continued funding beyond 3/31.

Agenda items not discussed because some members needed to leave:

- Gibson Center (AARP) update [*other than housing and Transportation*]
- Investigate establishing non-town groups to disseminate information pertaining to unofficial services and possibly apply for communications funds
- Update on initiatives from other towns

Next meeting Weds 1/29 2 PM

Move to adjourn 2:55 by Cindy, seconded by Cheryl

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Harris