

Freedom Advisory Committee on Aging
January 29, 2020

Quorum achieved at 2:10

Rick Davidson(chair), Cindy Fleming , Sandy Boyle, Cheryl Harris, Linda Habif via phone
Community member present: Neal Boyle

Minutes of 1.15.20: Cindy moved to accept, Sandy seconded

On Mon 1/27 Rick presented and requested whether the BOS would agree to support a warrant. They want to see this work this year.

We will need petition signed by at least 25 citizens and more if possible. Last year put warrant petitions in the library, store and community club (meets 2.12.20) and church. It will be important to get signatures as well as votes during town meeting.

Petitions are due on Tues 2.4.20. Cindy will do store and library, Sandy will have one. Will publish notice in unofficial town email that the petition is available in store and library.

Linda asked if we understand the background of current position vacancy and we do not. It seems important that clear lines of reporting need to be defined.

There is an AARP meeting for MWV on 2.12.20 and the NH AARP rep will be present. Rick will send an invitation to BOS to attend.

Town meeting is 3.10.20; Cindy suggests that we meet 3.11.20 to support hiring process of BOS.

Proposed that warrant be the same as last year which includes 50 weeks salary and communications and salary budget. All agreed to keep the budgeted amount the same. The committee understands that the coordinator is not a case manager and believes that the current wording is not misleading.

Linda asked if there were any clients being served still. Rick believes that the town office has reached out to any outstanding clients.

Rick received request from Gibson Center for us to share JD for this position as well as with Eaton and Tamworth. We do believe that it is important to select the right candidate and hire only if reasonably sure the candidate is suitable.

Rick reviewed the report from AARP Age Friendly annual report which should be published in the Freedom annual report. Rick reviewed the content of the report which mentioned Freedom several times. It is important that the new coordinator become an active participant in this group representing Freedom. Linda said she was going to check in with Patricia O about how their position is working out for them In Bowdoinham.

This committee will also prepare an annual report for publication in the annual town report.

At he meeting on 3.11, assuming the warrant passes, develop strategy to get on selectmen's agenda and ascertain role they would like this committee to play in recruitment and interviewing.

Sandy motion to adjourn, Cindy seconded. 3:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Harris, Recorder