

Freedom Advisory Committee for Aging
Minutes, April 3, 2019

Attending: Rick Davidson, Cindy Fleming., Sandy Boyle, Linda Habif, Cheryl Harris and Ernie Day (BOS representative)
Absent: Anne Cunningham

February 6th minutes review: The minutes were reviewed and Cindy made a motion to accept and Sandy seconded, all were in favor.

Rick mentioned that he forwarded information on the upcoming Alzheimer's program from ServiceLink to each of us that will be on June 24 11:00 in Tamworth. Cheryl mentioned it's a little early but group agreed that this should be publicized now and again closer to the event.

Several members met with BOS on 3/25/19 and there will be 2 from this Committee and Ernie from the BOS to be on the search committee in addition to a community member. Linda and Cheryl agreed to serve on the search committee. Members agreed that we will need to post an ad for a community member. Anne had mentioned Pat Hatfield and Bobby McCrackin however, group decided to post on town's website, bulletin boards by town hall and post office, local email bulletin board, store, library and Lisa's column in Conway Daily Sun. Deadline will be 4/18, forward all applicants to Ernie. All applications to be held at town office and committee members agreed to go there to review. This person will need approval by BOS and at least 2 names should be submitted to BOS. Announcement for community member will be as follows:
Freedom is looking for a Community member to serve as an at-large member on the search committee for the Freedom Senior Coordinator position as approved at the Freedom Town meeting on 3/12/2019. Please provide a brief statement of why you would like to participate with your contact information. This is a volunteer position, to serve only until candidate is selected. Please respond by 4/18/19 by email to freedomnhaging@gmail.com or by mail to Freedom Advisory Committee on Aging at PO Box 227 Freedom NH 03836.

Cindy will check email and Linda will check with town offices. We will add Ernie to our email group (ernieday@roadrunner.com).

This committee will review submitted responses at our meeting on 4/24/19 at 1 PM at Town Hall. Each email submission is to be acknowledged with a return email that we will be reviewing submissions on. 4/24/19.

Ernie requested that a copy of these minutes be provided to the BOS so they can approve the appointment of Linda and Cheryl to the selection committee.

Gibson Center Update: Mt. Washington Valley Communities are officially AARP Age Friendly Communities. AARP is impressed by the progress made in our communities. They are using our efforts as guidelines for other communities. There are ongoing committees addressing Health, Housing, Outdoor Spaces, Transportation, and Community Connections. Rick is working with the Community Connections committee. That committee is actively looking into intergenerational relationships, service directories and email exchanges (such as the Freedom Bulletin Board), streamlining the process for vetting volunteers, and enhancing Service Link and its linkage.

Community Connection Committee Members Betty Lee, Rick Davidson, Elle Border met with Pat Stone (FES) and Susan Blake (therapy dog volunteer) on March 29th to discuss possibilities for volunteering in FES and for students to help people in the town. The issue of vetting was discussed, and Pat is considering possibilities for a trial program.

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There will be a meeting of all of the AARP subcommittees on May 16. Rick will not be able to attend this meeting. Cindy will attend in his place.

Linda still plans to get in touch with Bowdoinham about their programs and their current Senior coordinator.

Cindy asked if having this designation by AARP means we might be able to get grants, and Rick thinks it might. Ernie suggested that this may be the beginning of a regional position.

Cindy just saw a survey about town by town stats which included information on population, diseases etc. on NH Public radio and she will share the link.

Motion to adjourn by Cindy, seconded by Sandy, all were in favor Meeting adjourned at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Harris, Recorder