

**Senior Advocate Commission  
Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2012  
Pomfret Senior Center**

**Regular Meeting:**

Open Meeting: 7:10PM

**Citizen Attendance:** Maureen Nicholson, BOS as citizen assistance; Jeanette Sullivan; Sybil Williams

**Present:**

Rita Conrad, Susan Larose, Elizabeth (Liz) Cartier Alternates: Cathy Grant, Gail McElroy

**Absent:**

Ann Hinchman(excused); one reg member to be appointed later by BOS

\*\*Gail McElroy & Cathy Grant were seated as members for this meeting.

**Meeting Minutes:** from 6/13/12 Workshop meeting approved as corrected.

**Agenda Change:** 1) Gail 2<sup>nd</sup>) Liz to move #3 (Possible move to approve the Facility Usage Policy and Contract) to the 6/27/2012 Workshop due to the amount of business needing attention at tonight's meeting.

**Citizen Participation:**

- Sybil would like the hall opened by 7:30am on Sat, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Tag Sale. Gail McElroy will open for the hall before 7:30am. Susan Larose will close the facility after the event.
- Water in the basement tonight is from the Upstairs Ladies Room. Susan will discuss with the Town (Bonnie) tomorrow. This Committee posted a "Closed" sign on the Ladies Room so that more water does not get flushed to the basement. During the later part of our meeting, Maureen stated that the contractors in charge of the repairs are expected to arrive in the next few days to repair the leak.
- Event Announcement: Tag Sale starts at 8am, ends at 2PM. Set up will begin on Friday after 3PM. Items not sold during the sale will be sent to Paquette Electric's storage for the Pomfret Ambulance to auction during Positively Pomfret.
- Sybil will get start up cash form John Carter for the Tag Sale. Liz Cartier will pick up the proceeds and deposit for the Reserve Account.

**Current Business:**

- Opening/Closing of Senior Center:  
Maureen has the Open/Close Schedule hard copy at the Town Hall and it is a work in progress. Anne Shield from TEEG can open on Fri. Susan Larose offered to create a volunteer sign-up sheet for more assistance. Gene Gerum will open on Wednesdays. Closers are needed for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. In the meantime, Bonnie can open/close when needed.
- Postings/Communications Needed:  
"In case of emergency call..." – If the emergency is during business hours, call the Town Hall; if after business hours, Maureen agreed to use her number as a contact. The notice will be placed on eraser board next to kitchen serving window.

Upcoming Events Board (on eraser board, front of room, by door) – Senior Advocate Commissions approval will be required for content of this board. Requests should be submitted to the Commission at/before each monthly meeting, third Wednesdays.

Communication to the Board of Selectman: Maureen has agreed to submit Senior Advocate Commission updates to BOS.

### **Announcements**

- Food Pantry is receiving a new freezer; old one to be carried away by individual who agrees to accept it free or by Bousquet Appliance who delivers the new one. (no, this was changed after further discussion, see later notes on Freezer discussion).
- Pancake Breakfast – July 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, \$7.00/adult & \$4.00/child; benefits Pomfret Food Pantry.
- Tag Sale – Senior Center, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8am-2pm; set up to take place on Fri, 6/22 3pm

### **New Business**

- Whale Watch – Request for \$350.00 which will cover the cost of the van & a \$10.00 ticket cost reduction for up to 18 Pomfret Seniors. Motions 1) Rita 2) Liz, motion approved.
- Hold Harmless Agreement: re-drafted to be presented for final acceptance at next Workshops
- TEEG Meeting – TEEG has requested an information sharing meeting with the new Senior Advocate Commission on 7/18/12, the next regular meeting, 7PM at the Senior Center. Also, the TEEG is scheduling an Open House at the new TEEG building on Thatcher Rd in Thompson, sometime in August. Members encouraged to attend.
- New Roadside (including changeable letters) - Request to appropriate, approximate \$250.00, not to exceed \$300.00 and using funds of \$122.00 previously raised. Motions: 1) Rita 2) Liz. Motion carried.
- Purchase of “OPEN” flag – Maureen to pick one up and have Town of Pomfret install the bracket. A receipt for said purchase will be delivered to Senior Advocate Commission. Motions: 1) Rita 2) Gail. Motion carried.
- Freezer for Senior Center use – request for New Freezer. Discussion continued around need for new freezer will be tabled for future meeting; Maureen to check with Town regarding the installation of a new line to accommodate one.
- Landscaping update – the Pomfret Town crew is spreading dirt now; anticipation of planting.
- Building maintenance – Maureen to discuss with Glen regarding plumbing, electrical, larger humidifier and pump to drain or hose outside; future plans for finishing the basement to be explored.
- Payment schedule – will discuss at 6/27 Workshop meeting the need to establish a payment schedule for Liz to make payments. Put it at head of Agenda of Workshop.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:15 PM Motions: 1) Cathy 2) Gail Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** 6/27/12, 10 AM - Workshop / July 18, 7PM - Regular meeting