

Pomfret Sr Advocate Commission
Minutes September 19, 2012
Pomfret Senior Center

Present: Susan LaRose, Rita Conrad, Liz Cartier, Judy Miller, Ann Hinchman

Alternates: Gail McElroy, Cathy Grant

Alternates: Seated as members for meeting: Gail McElroy (until Liz Cartier arrived) Moved by Judy 2nd by Rita, Carried

Citizen Attendance: John Carter, Doug Hopkins, Jeanette Sullivan, Dennis Knapp
Maureen Nicholson-BOS

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 pm

Added to Agenda: TV and Video presentation by Doug Hopkins

Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting August 29, 2012 1) Judy, 2) Rita, Carried

Treasurer's Report: No report at this time

Citizen Participation: Doug Hopkins made a presentation regarding the possible donation of a 58" Mitsubishi TV from Steve Bousquet Appliance & TV Store.

This could be used to view 4 movies per month on scheduled days and times, sports programming, Netflix movies. etc Could be incorporated with pizza

Doug would take charge and responsibility for getting this installed and the use of it.

Dennis LaRose offered to assist. Discussion: A good idea. Are we able to purchase

Netflix? Could center be open on weekends for the use of the TV for sports and car

racing programs?. Moved by Rita, 2nd Judy, Carried, for Doug to investigate this and to accept the TV as a donation.

Ann will write a thank you when appropriate.

John Carter stated that active seniors wish the SAC to ask the Selectmen about the thermostat. When there are a large number of people in the center there have been complaints of the building being too warm Discussion: Thermostat is being kept at 70 degrees for right now on the air conditioner 24 hours a day. Ann suggested that the selectmen change it to 68 degrees F for 1 month to see if it might make people more comfortable. Maureen will ask at the next Select men's meeting in 2 weeks. Soon the thermostat will be turned to the heat for the winter. At some point a programmable thermostat will be installed.

Jeannette Sullivan suggested a presentation made by Sgt. Labby from Troop D of CT State Police about Neighborhood Watch. Discussion: This being open to the community. How many people would come. Sue will work with Jeanette for a date to have this program at the Pomfret Senior Center, on an evening open to the public.

Jeannette Sullivan announced that she and John Carter have made a Power point presentation about the old schools of Pomfret. They would like to present this at the Sr. Ctr. in November. Planning Committee will discuss at their next meeting.

Jeannette Sullivan suggested a trip to the U. Conn Dairy Bar. Will be dealt with by Planning Committees.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Pomfret Pizza will sell 4 pizzas a month for \$20 + tax. Discussion: How would we use them? They could be enjoyed on movie days and for other planned activities in the month. Subject tabled until a later date

Sr Appreciation Dinner has been tabled until January. To be discussed at the sub committee for the event

Pie Eating Contest will be Nov 14th 2012 at 2-3 pm, Categories will be Apple, Pumpkin

and other.

A 1 hour program presented by Central Physical Therapy will be held November 5th
2-3pm

Sue will hang posters for the Oil Painting Course

John Carter is unable to do the October Trivia contest, but a Halloween Trivia will be
done on October 8th. Moved by Judy, 2nd by Rita Carried to take \$25 from Petty Cash

for prizes

Event set for October 9 @ 1:30pm for Doug Hopkins to make a presentation regarding
the new TV and audio donation.

Current Business: Petty Cash-- John Carter requested petty cash to be kept at \$200. When
the cash gets as low as \$100, it should be brought back up to \$200. Currently \$64. John
presented receipts for petty cash usage since June to Liz. Liz will take care of getting \$136 to Petty
Cash.

Cooking at the Sr Center discussed. Food will not be purchased for meal preparation in
the Sr Center from Sr Center money, unless it is for a planned organized meal. Schedule
for that event should be listed on the calendar and set 2 months in advance.

New Business: 2 letters were submitted and read written from Ford Fay.

1). Dated 9/10/12 requesting reimbursement for the amount of \$13.94 for the
purchase of water filter that he obtained and changed at the Senior Center. Discussion :
Maintenance issues of the building are now being handled by the town maintenance
crew. Hilltop Plumbing is handling the filter system and the specific model replacement filters
are not obtained locally. Hilltop has them on order. Attendees of the Sr Center should not
handle any equipment of this nature. This was not an emergency situation and for drinking
purposes the center supplies bottled water and has a water cooler on site from Country Springs.
The water at the Center was recently tested and has no notablilty issues. An opinion. taken with
a majority expressing that Mr. Fay not be reimbursed. Liz will reimburse Ford for the
amount of \$13.94 accompanied by a letter informing him that this business will be handled by the
Town and there will be no further reimbursements for people using the building without prior
authorization.

2). dated 9/11/12 suggesting that that more money from the Pomfret Sr Center budget be
spent for programs and that citizens who attend the Senior Center be allowed to bring
forth activities and ideas. Discussion: The SAC has been in operation for 4 months and the
budget has only been in effect for 3 months. The SAC has been working many long hours to
get policies in place. The Program Committee is now working hard to have meaningful and
productive programs for all senior citizens of the Town. Any citizen is allowed to attend the
monthly meetings and make suggestions of new programming. Our daily use of the
building is increasing and our calendars are filling up.

Citizen Comments: The presentation by Dr. Reagen today was excellent and we need more
of them.

Adjournment: 9:30 pm