

**Pomfret Senior Advocate Commission
Program Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order at 9:05am

Present: Cathy Grant, Liz Cartier, Sue LaRose and Gail McElroy

Discussion between members relative to how much money we currently have in the program line item and how much money we'll have in next year's budget for the program line item. With less than \$2,000 next year, we'll have to be aware of how much PSAC subsidizes upcoming activities, programs and trips. We all agreed that we should keep the annual trip to the Big E, Whale Watch and Newport Playhouse. We'd like to make the New Year's party an annual event.

There was discussion among the committee members relative to insurance needs for anyone who drives the van and drivers carpooling on Senior Center trips. Are they covered under the Town of Pomfret's policy? Should they get a binder from their own insurance agent and have the town pay for additional coverage for transporting other Senior Center participants?

We also discussed fundraising. There is no money in the budget to resurface the pool table, however, a fundraiser specifically to raise \$430 for the pool table could be done.

For the Senior Center to hold fundraisers to help raise money for future events, we would have to rely heavily on volunteers for help.

Future Trips: Some ideas were Mystic Seaport, Festival of Lights, Bald Eagle River Cruise, Camelot Cruises, Old Sturbridge Village, various flower shows, Tanglewood.

Old Business:

The date for the Whale Watch trip has been changed to July 27th. Gail McElroy is the trip leader. She will be putting out the flyer after the Commission meeting on May 15th.

New Business:

Ideas for June were:

1. Wright's Chicken Farm Dinner: Organize a trip for Senior Center participants to go out for dinner. Hours are Thurs. & Fri. 4-9 pm, Sat. 12-9:30 Sun. 12-8. This would require the van rental or carpooling. Dinner and transportation would be paid by the participant.
2. Cook-Off: Propose having another cook-off. Any suggestions?
3. Talent Show – this was brought up by a citizen at the last PSAC meeting. We'd have to decide if it's for seniors only or open it up to the public. This was tabled for more discussion at a future date.
4. Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Cruise – A 1 ¼ hour train ride through the beautiful CT river valley. Upon return, you board the Becky Thatcher for a 1 ¼ hour cruise on the CT river. Times are 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00 daily. Admission is \$26 for both the train and the cruise. There is a 10% senior discount. On Monday's there is a 20% senior discount bringing the price down to \$20.80 each. We would like to take this trip on Monday, June 24th to take advantage of the discount. We propose that everyone pay \$10 for transportation and purchase their tickets at the window when we get there. PSAC will pay the balance of the van rental. We plan to stop for lunch. Liz or Sue volunteered to drive the van.

The next meeting of the Program Committee will be on Wednesday, June 5th at 9:00 at Seely-Brown Village. We will discuss future programs and trips for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy J. Grant
Program Committee Head