

Minutes of the Age Friendly Community Committee
October 5, 2016

Present: **Frank Caro, Nancy Daly, Henry Winkelman, Saralynn Allaire, Matt Weiss, Shirley Selhub, Roberta Winitzer, Anne Reed; Absent: Pam Zelnick, Chris Chanyasulkit, Ruthann Dobek, Lloyd Gellineau, Shari Gershenfeld; Others Present: None**

The meeting commenced at 9:30 A.M. in Room 408 of Town Hall.

Note Taker – The committee selected Matt Weiss as Note Taker for the meeting.

Minutes – The Minutes for September 7 2016 were approved.

Warrant Articles of Strong Interest to Seniors

- Article 33 for committee to look at tax issue and how communities have handled it.
 - Per Frank and Nancy Daly there appeared to be general support for Article 33.
- Article 34 was changed by an amendment by the advisory committee to change Station Street to North Brookline leaving it more general. Advisory committee divided.
 - To be reviewed by the Housing Advisory Board tonight.
 - To be reviewed by the Council on Aging this afternoon.
 - Is last warrant as resolutions are last. Could be moved to December 7th as an extra 4th day of Town Meeting.

Petition for “Age Friendly Brookline” Sign – More than 40 signatures were obtained on Brookline Day including 4 of 5 Selectmen.

Proposal to Make Brookline Day More Age Friendly – It is currently set up for families with children. Will follow up at later meetings.

Newton Age Friendly Celebration

- Different from Brookline, taking a more formal model as an approach.
- Conducting needs analysis and setting up listening groups.
- The Mayor did not attend.
- Due to the different approaches, Brookline and Newton can learn from each other.

Age Friendly Lego Display – Display has been extremely well-received. The plaques defining the various aspects of Brookline age friendliness were especially noted. The Committee congratulated Chris Chanyasulkit and her family for the great work.

AFC-TV Show Update – Shirley Selhub reported.

- Neil Wishinsky show went well and involved timely discussions.
- Saralynn Allaire, the new Chair of the reconstituted Commission on Disability is planned for the September show.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Housing – See Station Street report by Henry Winkelman above.
2. Transportation
 - a. TRIPPS Challenge has been issued for the most adventurous/interesting new use of transportation
 - b. Uber is introducing a new disabled service on October 26th.
 - c. Transportation Board has not initiated the new Pedestrian Advisory Committee to date.
3. Health – a new person from Health will be joining the Age Friendly Cities Committee.
4. Library
 - a. The long Range Library Plan will be available in January 2017.
 - b. Techniques for planning included paper surveys in addition to other methods.
 - c. Events (Sampling)
 - i. 10/5/2016 – Country Western
 - ii. 10/8/2016 – 3D printing
 - iii. 10/13/2016 – Truman Election
 - iv. 10/26/2016 – JFK Election
5. Participation
 - a. 10/26/2016 – Senior Center Gala honoring Alan Balsam.
 - b. 10/28/2016 – Dancing with the Stars
6. Parks
 - a. Frank Caro reported on an excellent John & Green Streets Park. Speech by the Li family that donated the benches for the park.
 - b. Photographs of age friendly features in Fisher Hill and other newly redone parks.
7. Other Business – Stephanie Orsini replaced Patty Parks as Assistant to the Town Administrator (Mel Kleckner).

The next meeting will be November 2nd 10:00 a.m. in Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.