

**MINUTES**  
**SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE**

September 2, 2010

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Betty Bader, Carl Dowden, Jeanne Duntz,  
Richard Franklin, Nick LaCourte, Rose Rider, Judy Walsh

Also Present: Sheila Franklin, Secretary and Toni Cochran, Assisting Secretary

Absent: Jennifer Fivelsdal, Kelly Mosher

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:18 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JULY 1, 2010 MEETING**

Andy asked if there were any changes or other modifications to the Minutes. Hearing none, Dick made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Judy and all were in favor.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Andy stated that he had received a letter from the Town Board officially appointing Nick La Courte to the Senior Services Committee.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

At the July 1, 2010 meeting, the Committee approved an expenditure of \$195.00 to make copies of the emergency preparedness document. Andy had the copies made and left them with Sue McCann at the Town Hall. However as Sue still had 175 copies after the Committee members picked up their assigned number of copies, Andy asked if anyone in the room had not picked up their copies. Betty and Rose had not done so.

Andy received a request from Linda Stoddard for 200 copies of the document for the September 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Luncheon Meeting in Tivoli and he is going to get an estimate for printing. He questioned what budget line that would come from. Rose offered to talk with him about how much money is left in the budget.

Betty asked if anyone took copies for the Seniors group and Jeanne said that she took 40 copies. Dick talked to the Fire Dept. and said that they are considering printing copies and distributing them at Hardscrabble Day. Dick and Sheila are going to update the document and send an updated copy to Andy before he makes the 200 copies for the Senior Picnic.

**SENIOR NEWSLETTER**

Andy asked everyone to review the Senior Newsletter on the website so that it can be updated. If there are any modifications, they should be sent to Sheila. Sheila will be adding the Walk program and the new Dial A Ride telephone number. Andy stressed that everyone on the Committee should send Sheila an e-mail, whether or not they are

suggesting changes. He felt that it might not be possible to have updated copies ready for Senior Picnic on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**HARDSCRABBLE DAY, SEPT. 25, 2010**

Andy will be speaking to Dep. Mayor Ed Blundell and Micki Strawinski to find out whether town groups and committees will have tables at the same location at Hardscrabble Day. After discussion, the following schedule was developed for coverage of the Committee's table at Hardscrabble Day:

Judy	10 AM – 2 PM
Jeanne	12 PM - 2PM
Rose	2 PM - 4 PM

Andy said that he could provide coverage in the middle of the day and Nick will also be available. Carl and Betty had other commitments. Andy will send an e-mail so that the other committee members can volunteer their time. Judy questioned whether tables would be provided. Andy will find out. Judy has card tables and chairs, if needed.

If possible, Andy said that he would like to have updated Senior Newsletters and Emergency Preparedness documents to be distributed on Hardscrabble Day.

**SENIOR PROGRAMMING AT THE RECREATION PARK**

Andy said that the Senior Walk Program is continuing on Wednesdays and should continue through the fall. He said it has been a positive experience. He will check with Doug Strawinski for details regarding participation.

**PANDA**

Andy said he will be calling Dick and Cathy O'Connor to set up a meeting to discuss venues for taping for PANDA.

**EMERGENCY DRILL AT RED HOOK COMMONS**

Nick spoke to Dep. Mayor Ed Blundell who wants the village to be the lead agency for the emergency drill; however he has not yet contacted Nick in this regard. Nick reported that there was a small fire at Red Hook Commons; some of the residents were able to get out and some did not. There was a meeting between the Fire Chief and Red Hook Commons manager, Donna; however Nick was not present and is not sure what was said. Dick will check with the Fire Chief regarding this incident.

There was discussion about whether the Committee should contact Ken Kearney. Andy felt that residents should be communicating with him directly. Dick said that there are state requirements for evacuation of public buildings and he will discuss this with the Fire Chief. Nick stressed that the residents don't have adequate information on evacuation procedures and he is working on developing written procedures. He will be contacting Micki in this regard. Andy suggested that the residents draft a letter to Ken Kearney and Nick said that he could do so. Carl supported this course of action.

### **FALL 2010 PROJECTS**

Andy asked if the Committee would like to have a food drive again this year. After discussion, it was decided that February would be the best month for the drive. Betty suggested that the food drive be made an annual event. Jeanne said that publicity should be planned a few months in advance. Andy sd that publicity should start in mid January.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Andy was contacted by Laurie Husted from the new group, Red Hook Together, regarding getting seniors involved in **the 10% Energy Program**. He will call Doug Strawinski to see if there is a possibility of incorporating the Senior Walk Program in the Half Marathon which will take place on October 10, 2010.

### **SENIOR READING PROGRAM**

Andy will contact Donna Gaynor, Principal of K-2. Betty asked if the school is in contact with the volunteers from last year. Andy asked the group to inquire about whether last year's volunteers will be continuing to volunteer this year.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 7, 2010 at 9:15 A.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeanne and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 A.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Sheila Franklin, Secretary, Sr. Services Committee

Toni Cochran, Assisting Secretary