

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

October 7, 2010

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Betty Bader, Carl Dowden, Jeanne Duntz,  
Jennifer Fivelsdal, Nick LaCourte, Kelly Mosher  
Absent: Richard Franklin, Rose Rider, Judy Walsh and Secretary Sheila Franklin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:23 A.M. He said that he submitted his monthly report to the Town Board on September 22nd. Copies were distributed to the members of the Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 MEETING**

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

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BOOKLET**

The Village of Tivoli printed and distributed 200 copies of the Disaster Preparedness booklet. The document was well received and the copies were quickly taken.

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

Hardscrabble Day was a great success. Literature explaining Office of the Aging services was offered along with other informative material. The Committee distributed the Disaster Preparedness Booklet, which was well received, as well as other information on senior activities. The Committee's table was well staffed throughout the day.

**10% CHALLENGE**

Ten percent challenge events will be held by the Town of Red Hook and the Villages of Red Hook and Tivoli all day on 10/10/10. Many activities and educational sessions have been scheduled. The goal is to save energy and heighten awareness of energy related issues.

**VOLUNTEER TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Andy presented information about the Volunteer Tax Assistance Program offered by Dutchess County Community Action and AARP. He was contacted by Linda Eddy via e-mail. She explained that computer access is necessary to run the program. She said that volunteers were needed and would be trained to work in the program. She asked if the Committee would spread news of the program and consider some type of involvement.

### **SENIOR READING PROGRAM**

Andy e-mailed the names of last year's volunteers to Principal Gaynor and the librarian. He asked the members of the Committee to bring him names of possible volunteers so that he can pass them on to the school.

### **MEDICARE INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Last year the Senior Services Committee arranged for a Medicare presentation by the Office for the Aging. This year Nina Lynch from the OFA will conduct a free informational meeting on November 16th at 6:30 P.M. at the Red Hook Town Hall. She requested that the Senior Services Committee use PANDA and the local newspapers to advertise the event in the surrounding towns, viz. Rhinebeck, Pine Plains and Milan. To that end, Andy will prepare a flyer which will be distributed to area parishes, stores, doctors' offices, etc. Nick requested four copies to be posted at Red Hook Commons.

### **PANDA**

Andy said that he held a meeting with Dick and Cathy O'Connor. The discussion centered on three or four independent segments, to include disaster preparedness and pet issues.

### **FOOD DRIVE**

The Food Drive will again be sponsored by the Red Hook Seniors and the Senior Services Committee to benefit Dutchess Community Action. It will be held on February 8th and 15th. The project will be reviewed at the January meeting.

### **FIRE SAFETY ISSUES AT RED HOOK COMMONS**

As Red Hook Commons is a private facility, their manager Donna will set up a committee together with Nick LaCourte to maintain fire safety and establish an exit plan.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 4, 2010 at 9:15 A.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Betty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nick and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Minutes submitted by:

Sheila Franklin, Secretary, Sr. Services Committee

Based on Notes provided by Jeanne Duntz