

**MINUTES**  
**SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Feb. 14, 2013

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Betty A'Brial, Brenda Cagle, Nancy Finkle

Also Present: Don Peterson, applicant for membership in Committee

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Andy Kehr called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Andy thanked everyone for their cooperation in attending the rescheduled meeting. He welcomed back secretary Sheila Franklin, who was returning to the Committee after an extended illness. He also welcomed Don Peterson and thanked him for his interest in joining the Committee. Andy will put his name forward at the next Town Board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JAN. 13, 2013 MEETING**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Andy said that the annual Town Board review of Committees and Boards was taking place and that his name as well as those of Rose, Dick and Nick will be submitted again. The Committee supported the submission of these names. He also announced that, after many years of being an active member of the Committee, Carl Dowden had decided to step down. In the e-mail which he sent to Andy, Carl cited logistics and time as the reasons for his making this decision. He will be submitting a formal letter of resignation.

Andy announced that Ed Sanfort is also interested in becoming a member of the Committee. He has submitted a letter of intent and will be present for the March meeting.

**CONTACT LIST**

Andy asked Sheila to update the contact list as there have been several changes: Carl and Kelly must be deleted; Rose's e-mail address must be changed and Don's contact information must be added. Sheila will be e-mailing an updated list.

**RHINEBECK AT HOME**

Andy announced that within the next few weeks Rose will be attending a meeting of Rhinebeck At Home. Don also expressed an interest in being a liaison to that program.

Rose will be talking to Nina Lynch about possible ways in which the Committee can work with the program. Nina said that they do not have regular meetings; however she will inform Rose of when they do have a meeting and would be happy for her to attend as a liaison from the Committee.

Rose said that the Committee should look into the Village to Village organization. She said that James Harden of Red Hook is Vice President of the Capitol Hill Village in Washington, the largest aging in place organization in the country. Their website is [www.capitolhillvillage.org](http://www.capitolhillvillage.org). Mr. Harden has expressed his willingness to address the Committee the next time he is in Red Hook, which will probably be some time in the summer. Rose has his e-mail address ([buddhardin@msn.com](mailto:buddhardin@msn.com)) and can contact him in this regard. Andy agreed that it would be ideal to invite him to meet with the Committee this summer.

Nina said that it is not necessary to have a large group to start up such a program; a small group of dedicated people would suffice. Rhinebeck is in the process of forming such a group and Red Hook could form another one. Information could be shared and the groundwork for some matters, such as incorporation fees, might be handled jointly.

Andy wondered whether any grant money might be available. Don will look into this and report back at the Mar. 7th meeting. Rose said that the hardest job will be finding the volunteers. Volunteers are essential as the fees cover only half of the expenses of the organization. Andy suggested proceeding slowly with an eye on what Rhinebeck is doing. At present, we are just in the information gathering stage. By summer, we will be in a better position to take further steps, he said. Rose said that it has taken Rhinebeck several years so far and they are still in the initial step up phase. They are part of Village to Village and Red Hook can also become part of that organization. Andy said that this organization is needed in Red Hook and he is sure that there are people in the community who would benefit from it; however, it is all dependent on finding a group of volunteers who are willing to donate their time and efforts to the project

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Brenda will be speaking to Cynthia Ruiz regarding the Loop bus stop at Hannaford.

### **FOOD DRIVE**

The Food Drive will be targeted at students of the Red Hook school system and will be called "Give a Child a Summer Meal". It will be scheduled for June 4th or June 11th. Jean will contact the Seniors and they will pick the date at their next meeting. The Firehouse must then be contacted. Promotion for the event will start in April.

### **SR. SERVICES MEETING AT RED HOOK COMMONS**

The meeting at Red Hook Commons will be held on April 4, 2013. Nick has spoken to Donna at the Commons. Members of the Red Hook Commons Board will be present to voice their concerns. After discussion, it was decided that Brenda Cagle will attend to represent the Town of Red Hook. Nick asked that an announcement should be written

and submitted to him by the end of February so that it can go into the March Red Hook Commons Newsletter. This Newsletter goes out the 26th or 27th of each month.

Rose felt that having a meeting at the Commons would provide a good opportunity to get feedback on senior concerns. Nick said that the Common Room in Building 17 would be available. He suggested that the meeting start later than the usual meeting time of 9:15 AM. It was decided that the meeting should be scheduled for 10:00 AM on April 4th. Sheila was asked to write a brief announcement for the Red Hook Commons Newsletter indicating that the meeting will provide an opportunity for seniors to express their concerns or to become volunteers.

It was suggested that the meeting be publicized in the Red Hook Observer and possibly in the newsletter of local events circulated by Dutchess County.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Andy announced that the next meeting would be held on Mar.7, 2013 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 10:25 A.M.

Minutes submitted by:  
Sheila Franklin, Secretary  
Sr. Services Committee