

MINUTES
SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 2, 2013

ROLL CALL

Present: Betty A'Brial, Betty Bader, Richard Franklin, Nick LaCourte, Don Peterson,
Rose Rider

Absent: Andy Kehr, Chairman, Jeanne Duntz, Nancy Finkle, Ed Sandfort

Also Present: Brenda Cagle, Town Board Liaison.

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chairman Andy Kehr, Rose Rider called the meeting to order at 10:22 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, APRIL 4, 2013 MEETING

Rose 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 Jeanne and all were in favor.

TRANSPORTATION

Nick reported that he had talked with Cynthia Ruiz of the Dutchess County Department of Transportation. They discussed concerns about the application and Cynthia said that in order to make changes she has to go to management with a proposal. She is going to ask that a front page be added which will say that if the applicant is only interested in going to Hannaford, they need only make out the front page. When the new form is approved, she will give it to Nick and he can copy it. Nick will be calling her in this regard. Dick asked if the new form can be online. Nick noted that if an applicant already has a yellow card but it has not been used within the last year, they will need to fill out a new application.

Cynthia announced that the new service will be starting in June. Initially it will be only for Red Hook and only for transportation to Hannaford. Later, it may be possible to add Tivoli. She said that they do not know the route yet, but they will try to go as far north as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS

Rose announced that there will be an Aging in Place presentation on May 9th. It will be a brunch at the Beekman Arms and the cost will be \$15.00. Reservations can be made by calling 876-HOME (876-4663). She said that Rhinebeck has launched their program and over thirty people have joined.

Rose announced that there will be a free Aging in Place Forum on Tuesday, May 21st at the Wallace Center at the Roosevelt historic site. A gerontologist will discuss things one can do make it easier to continue to live at home. Reservations can be made by calling

452-4846. The brunch at the Beekman Arms will be the official launch of the Rhinebeck at Home program.

Rose also announced that the Pawling Friendship Center, which had been closed, is now re-opening. It was mentioned that on May 16th there will be a discussion on dementia at St. John's Church in Upper Red Hook. For details, call 758-1184.

RHINEBECK AT HOME

Don and Rose have been going to Rhinebeck at Home meetings and have their literature. The organization received a donation from a local person which enabled them to continue their meetings and have luncheons and other events. However, Rose said, a lot of work and outreach will be needed to get the organization off the ground. In response to questioning, Rose said that their annual fee is \$125. Members volunteer their services and are also provided with services which they need. The services which they provide include transportation and recommendation of handy men (whom they will be investigating prior to putting them on their list of providers). The organization would welcome Red Hook and they have space in Rhinebeck which they would be willing to share. Rose said that at this time she felt it would be best for the Committee to wait and see how things go for the organization before getting into it any further.

FOOD DRIVE

Secretary Sheila Franklin reported about PR for the Food Drive. She has sent the flyer to PANDA, the Sampler and the Red Hook Observer. She spoke with someone from the Sampler and they said that they would get it into the next issue if possible and into the issue after that as well. Chris Munn of the Observer said that he, too, will be publishing the information. Sheila has also made 40 copies of the flyer and given them to Sue McCann. She invited the members to take some for distribution when they leave the building.

There was a discussion about distribution of the flyer with the following results. Andy has been in contact with school Superintendent Paul Finch, whose help with the last Food Drive was instrumental in making it a great success. Sheila will be sending the flyer to About Town for their calendar and to Micki Strawinski for e-distribution. Brenda will send the flyer to the Red Hook Moms. Each member of the Committee will take the flyer to their church for posting. Betty A'Brial will take it to the Council of Churches. Betty Bader will take it to St. Christopher's and Betty Bader will take it to Christ Episcopal Church. Betty A'Brial will be handing some out at Apple Blossom Day. Nick will post the flyer at Red Hook Commons. Brenda suggested that Linda Stoddard send the flyer to the town's e-mail list. Sheila will e-mail the flyer to Linda. Betty A'Brial will go to Hannaford. Rose will take the flyer to Stewarts and the laundromats. Brenda will see to it that the Town of Red Hook's sign is made up and put out before the event.

Rose suggested that the flyers should be posted the week before Memorial Day. She said that the Committee will have another meeting prior to the event and can go over any last minute details at that time.

RED HOOK COMMONS CONCERNS

Brenda said that she has contacted Micki and Bard regarding the request for free bus transportation to concerts. She has not made any progress yet, but will be reporting to the Committee. She said that the State will be painting some of the cross walks about which the residents had expressed concern. Betty Bader emphasized the need for signs at cross walks, saying that it is required by law. Nick and Betty Bader said that they would talk to the village officials about that. Rose suggested that perhaps a petition could be made. Brenda said that she thinks that the village has plans to put up signs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2013 at 9:15 A.M. at the Town Hall. The Committee will meet in July, but not in August.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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