

## Swampscott for All Ages

Executive Committee Minutes 1/8/2020

Swampscott Senior Center

Prepared by Joan McCormack

Attendees: Matt Strauss, Danielle Strauss, Sue Sussman, Alyce Deveau, Bill Travascio, Sheryl Levenson, Andrew Wallace, Deb Newman, Bob Powell, Heidi Whear, Warren Sawyer, Ross DiPietro, Joan McCormack, Jenn Nisbet, Trisha Malphrus

1. December meeting minutes approved without correction.
2. Discussion of electing a secretary, no one volunteered, we will continue rotating the taking of minutes.
3. SfAA Health and Resource Fair: offering information and resources from all the domains, our report from UMass identified improving knowledge about available resources as a priority.
  - a. A Saturday at the High School from 10-2. Danielle suggested June 13
  - b. Brainstormed ideas for booths and presentations: AARP Home fit guide, elder law, medication errors, etc. Danielle will share the town's list of past participants
  - c. Discussed business sponsorship, need to offer free food, offer home care aides to watch people whose caregivers attend the fair
  - d. Bill suggested raffle baskets
  - e. Heidi will confirm a date for the fair and requested that each domain identify a committee member to help.
4. Heidi introduced the concept of "Swampscott Village" or "Swampscott at home". The attached handout gives an overview of how a 'Village' is not a place but a member driven organization providing access to services, social activities and 'vetted' service providers.
  - a. This was mentioned as a goal in the UMass report and is an opportunity to make a big impact. Bill has access to one of the co-founders of the Beacon Hill Village as a resource.
  - b. Heidi reported that we have access to the Village to Village website with loads of information on how to develop a village. She asks that each domain identify a member who is excited about this concept and who can be given access to the website, please email this to her within a week.
5. Creation of a 501©3: Bob explained that we need a 501©3 to request, accept and hold any grant or other monies we raise.
  - a. Warren offered the resources of Caleb to create the 501©3, saving the committee the \$1000 fee quoted by Jessica Wistran's firm.
  - b. Discussion of creating a website, this would need funds (quoted as \$10k), Jen will speak to Patricia Zaido about Salem's website and why they did not use the city's site but created their own. Jen mentioned that their website has active links to all the town resources.

- c. Discussion of budget and funding going forward. Matt will reach out to Ron M about adding a line item to the town budget.
6. Domain Reports: Heidi reiterated that the goals suggested by the Umass report are just a starting point and each domain can develop their own. Warren suggested that all the domains share their action plans so we can see where they overlap. The plans that were available at this meeting are attached.
- a. Housing: Warren met with the State and is encouraged that there will be a change of Director at the Housing Authority due to retirement.
  - b. Civic: Matt reported that the committee is enthusiastic about the Fair
  - c. Bill reviewed highlights from Respect and Social Inclusion, see attached.
  - d. Jen reported that the Communication group has been looking at a FB page, exploring a website and articles in local papers contributed by rotating through the domains.
  - e. Deb reviewed the action plan of outdoor spaces, see attached.
  - f. Bob reviewed the plan of the transportation group, see attached. He reported on a proposal from GLSS to have a fixed shuttle route, he will send the proposal out to everyone. Andrew Wallace was here from GLSS to take back any questions to GLSS, there were none as the proposal was just delivered.
    - i. Discussion of discount fairs on the train, we need to hold an information session for the community to discuss how this works
    - ii. Bob approached the T about moving the bus stop, Ross DiPietro has contacts with the t and will help.
    - iii. Identified the need to have transportation at night for those who can not drive at night
  - g. Joan summarized the plan of the Health and Community Services domain, attached. The big focus is working on the Fair. Heidi has found a space for a memory café at First Church. Heidi will host a meeting of the dementia sub group at her home on Wednesday 1/15 at 7pm, let her know if you are interested.
7. Next meetings:

**Resource fair planning meeting 1/22 at 7pm at COA** (need at least one representative from each domain)

**Next SfAA meeting will move to the second Tuesday to avoid conflict with the Selectman's meetings:      NEXT MEETING 2/11 at 7pm COA**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25