

**AGING IN PLACE MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2016
CUMBERLAND TOWN HALL**

We welcomed a new member, John Carpenter who will be assisting on the Vendor List. Sandy Nickerson was a visitor who is considering joining.

1. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Tom reported that we now have the non-profit status for the committee. Mike Schwindt was instrumental in filling out the paperwork necessary for the filing. It is expected that in another week or two we will have the 501c. It will take another year to get the approval for tax exempt status. We can get our own insurance now.

a. TRANSPORTATION:

The church is still going forward with the volunteer transportation program. The sub-committee is waiting to hear from Diane about the insurance that the church is providing. A separate telephone line has been provided to Lisa Crowley to receive requests for transportation. The town is paying for this line.

Drivers will need to have adequate insurance of their own. The police department will be processing the background checks for the drivers. The program is intended to be used for doctor's appointment, supermarket trips, hair appointments, etc. It still needs to be determined the radius of the trips. Hours of operation will be Sunday, 9:00am – noon, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm. These are subject to change.

The program will be advertised first through the church and is expected to start on February 1st. When all the kinks are worked out than it will be advertised on a wider scale.

One requirement will be that the drivers have cell phones.

b. HEALTH & SOCIALIZATION:

This committee is in need of another member who can manage the volunteer data base. They are still working on the Friendly Neighbors program which will be volunteers visiting the elderly shut-ins. Evariste would like to have a program presented to the volunteers to help them learn what to look for when they go into a home that may be a safety issue.

c. VENDOR GUIDE:

Rita is still working on gathering names for the vendor list. At this point the vendors need to be contacted and she has a list of five criteria that they will be asked. This need to be done before and than the list can be finalized. John Carpenter will be helping on this project. As soon as this is completed it will be put on the web page.

d. COMMUNICATIONS:

We met with Sue to discuss the web page maintance and the overall process of advertising. Work is being done on the web page to clean it up and remove old information. The interns have met with Sue and a couple members to learn how to manage the web page. Current events are going to be posted on the front page and there will be links to the vendor guide, resource guide and the community calendar. This is a project that is developing and it is hoped that when done it will be a useful tool for communications. We will be getting a space at the town hall to use for our postings.

This committee also needs another member that can help send postings to the local news.

e. CDGB APPLICATION: (Community Development Block Grant)

Tom Gruber is writing for a grant that would cover the telephone system that is needed for the transportation program and to upgrade the bus. This filing is due in February and we will hear by June 1st. It should be for \$10,000 and is being given by Cumberland County.

f. BUDGET UPDATE:

We will be getting a report for the next regular meeting. We started with a budget of \$50,000.

g. PROPERTY TAX RELIEF:

There will be a program for some real estate tax relief. More information will be coming.

h. AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Tom Gruber and Bill Shane have been talking with two developers who are interested in developing housing. One may be on Main Street and the other location is in West Cumberland.

i. GOALS FOR 2016:

Dale Denno has asked that each sub-committee come up with their goals for this year and any budget needs that they may need. One of the biggest goals is to present another forum that will be bigger and better than last year. We also discussed getting one of our members who likes to take pictures to be our historian. It would be good to have pictures that we tell of the process that we have made.

There is a Volunteer Position Description form that should be filled out and given to Sue to request new members.

Last but far from the least, Maryellen Wilson has accepted the position of Vice Chair of the committee. She will be great in this position.