1. Senior Housing
   There was a discussion about the redevelopment of the Graham Windham property. The committee felt it is important that some of the apartments that will be built will be affordable and that some will be set aside for Seniors. The village requires a specific percentage of new housing be available to people who are eligible for affordable housing. At the moment it is unclear whether there is any set aside for seniors. A suggestion was made that the Senior Council coordinate with the affordable housing committee to move forward on this and likely make a recommendation to the Mayor and Board of Trustees about this issue. Sandy Selikson brought up the issue and may be involved in moving it forward as did Kate Washton.

2. Update on Senior Outreach
   Senior outreach is roaring back as the pandemic wanes. Anne Russak described a plethora of activities including a party attended by 60 Seniors, an up-coming pool party, a trip to the Botanical Garden, and water aerobics. She dealt with a number of individual issues including tax questions, scams, housing questions, and help with finding home health aides. The walks on the aqueduct have continued. They are looking for a yoga teacher for the fall.

3. Update on flyer with safety information.
   Kate has the final draft and will send it to Carolyn for formatting it with a graphic designer.

4. Pollinator Project
   Marilyn Meese reviewed the wonderful progress of this project. She noted that the committee had discussed pairing high school students with Seniors who have garden plots but that we have not pursued it. She will investigate this possibility. We discussed the garden proposed between the fire station and the Community Center. It’s unclear who is planning this activity, although the Beautification committee may be doing it. Marilyn will pursue.

5. Climate smart communities
   Pam Knell discussed some of the activities of the Climate Smart Communities initiative. They are continuing activities to achieve the Silver certification level. One has
been development of a waste management plan. She suggested that this could be publicized at the Farmer's Market as well as other activities of the Senior Council such as the survey.

6. Senior census/survey

   Polly summarized the mission of the committee and how the survey would further it by gathering information about programs and services seniors know about, are receiving, what more they might want to identify and meet their social and cultural needs.

   The committee reviewed a draft of the survey and had a number of suggestions that will be incorporated into it, such as eliminating redundancies and adding information about how to access the programs and individual services. There was concern about the length of the survey. The suggestion was made to pilot the survey after the changes were incorporated to help decide upon a reasonable length. Polly will send the next draft of the survey in paper form and possibly an online version before the next meeting. Committee members will fill out the survey themselves and ask at least one other Senior to fill it out as well and use those experiences to further hone the survey.

   A point of disagreement was the inclusion of a household composition question. Some felt it was too intrusive, others thought it would be an important characteristic to describe seniors. It was pointed out that those who respond to the survey do not constitute a representative sample of the Seniors and the household composition question could not be used to characterize the seniors as a group, only those who respond. We will discuss these points and the next iteration of the survey at the next meeting.

   The plan for dissemination will be to 1) create an online survey and send it to the senior email list, or perhaps to the village list; 2) include a copy of a paper version of the survey in the calendars that go to all households in December; 3) make paper surveys available around the village (e.g., the Community Center, library, Foodtown, Municipal Building); 4) set up tables in a variety of places (e.g., Farmer's Market, Foodtown) where members of the committee could recruit participants and help them complete the survey. Two problems were discussed – the labor intensive nature of entering data from the hard copies and the possibility that surveys might be filled out more than once by an individual. Several members of the group said they were willing to enter the data and that we could try to enlist students to help. We will prominently display the importance of not filling out more than one survey.

7. Meeting schedule

   We decided to meet in July, skip the August meeting, and meet twice in September
with the first meeting on September 13 to focus solely on the survey. We will need to do some PR to make people know it’s coming and to generate some interest.