Agenda
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
November 22, 2021

Present: Polly Bijur, Miriam Budin, Pam Knell, Vivian Pronin, Anne Russak, Paula Scheiber, Sandy Selikson, Kate Washton, Raf Zaratzian

1. Minutes from the October meeting were approved

2. Senior Advocate update – the Community Center re-opened the second week of October! Senior exercise classes and bingo have started with social distancing and masks and been well attended. Thanksgiving dinner was provided at the Community Center in two seatings. Anne Russak fielded calls about home helpers, donations and rides to medical visits and finalized the Senior page of the Village Calendar.

3. Climate Smart Communities Task Force update – Pam Knell reported that the members of the Task Force discussed energy efficiency of the municipal building including use of heat pumps, a cost analysis contrasting solar panels with heating and cooling that rely on fossil fuels.

4. Emergency numbers magnet update – Kate Washton said that a meeting is being held in January to decide about how FISH fits in with the Senior programs offered by the Village. This needs to be decided before finalizing the magnet as it will determine the contact information for FISH.

5. Senior Survey – Polly Bijur said that the Senior Survey has been quiescent but activity will recommence in January. She will work on incorporating suggested changes from the last meeting into the next version.

6. Home assistance – Kate Washton summarized the two tracks being pursued to move this forward – the volunteer model with organizations such as the Rotary and Scouts, and the identification of individuals who might do the work at reduced fees. Anne Russak and Marilyn Meese contacted some of the people who had posted on bulletin boards around the village but they were difficult to contact, and some had not been vaccinated. Kate will follow up with the volunteers. An online site that matches people who need home assistance with workers, Task Rabbit, is also an option. [https://www.taskrabbit.com](https://www.taskrabbit.com). Polly Bijur said research into what other organizations do or suggest to address this issue would be helpful such as aging councils like ours in other municipalities and organizations like Family Services of Westchester.

7. Transportation – Polly Bijur attended a virtual transportation forum coordinated by the Westchester County Department of Senior Program and Services. Representatives from the Westchester County Bee-Line System and Paratransit program, RideConnect, WestFair Rides, Cancer Support Team, Aging in Place organizations and FISH, talked about their programs. Seniors 60+ are eligible for most of these programs. Registration is needed for Westfair rides, Bee Line Paratransit and the Cancer Support Team. A brochure about transportation options for seniors can be accessed at: [https://theboxwood.org/wp-](https://theboxwood.org/wp-).
Anne Russak thinks she has some of these brochures.

8. Pre/early retirement discussion group
   peer led
   when
   how to publicize?
      Enterprise?
      Senior email group
      Flyers – library, Community Center

Next meeting: January 24, 2022