

6/19/17 Minutes

Attending:

Gay Peterson, Donna Palmer, Steven Palmer, Ginny Van Dyke, Curtis Call, Al Ahlers, Priscilla Brobst, Greg Payson, Patricia Oh

- Greg Payson presented an overview of how he, as Fire and Rescue Chief, provides assistance and support to residents of our town. Generally the help provided is the result of EMS calls to homes, our code enforcement officer and confidential information from our town clerk. Ways in which help is provided is through financial relief in certain emergency ambulance calls, smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors, battery checks, and emergency access to homes during the winter. As a participating community in Code Red, an effort will be made to get the residents to understand the program and how to become a participant. Greg mentioned his willingness to offer CPR courses.

Al asked the question of follow up to residents who for one reason or another have received assistance from the Fire and Rescue Chief. In some instances return visits occur but not as a routine. Time and resources make routine follow up visits problematic. This was seen as an opportunity for the LWN Y committee to advocate for additional resource assistance but not necessarily at this point in time

Greg is also proposing a bike rodeo as a means of teaching younger riders bike safety and as yet another social activity opportunity. He has reached out to the Events Committee for their support. The LWN Y committee stands ready to provide help.

We discussed a program for residents who would like a daily “check-in” call. Greg emphasized his desire to see a program such as this in North Yarmouth but is concerned about the inability to commit to a routine time for calls to be made. Again, our committee may find itself as an advocacy group for the older residents at some future point.

Greg and Donna will be working together to submit a Challenge Activity Grant for a program Greg would like to put in place for those residents who are in medical distress. Patricia Oh regarded Greg Payson’s idea as most intriguing.

Donna asked about a fire safety program for older residents. Greg saw this as a real possibility.

- Al Ahlers reported that Cumberland has received zero requests for rides from our residents. A brief discussion followed. We decided to remain steadfast in posting ride opportunities in the Shopping Notes, on our website, in the newsletters and the RFTH. Priscilla thought people may want rides to the summer concerts.

- Donna reviewed the status of the LWN Y resource guide. She will be getting together with Kathy Whittier and is planning to hit the July 1st date for getting the guide finalized. We will pursue AARP for funding for the publication of the guide.

- Gay discussed the roles to be played by the communication advisory group and that of LWN Y regarding the First Creation program. After

