

Living Well in North Yarmouth Meeting Minutes 10/21/2019

Meeting held at Town Office Meeting Room

Present: Al Ahlers, Gay Peterson, Donna Palmer, Peter Lindsay, Steven Palmer, Lisa Thompson, Rosemary Roy

Welcome Comments:

Our new member Peter Lindsay was welcomed. Peter then introduced a new volunteer family, Anna and Mike Kress of West Pownal Road. They had attended the kite festival and approached Peter with their interest in being involved.

Town Manager Roy introduced Lisa Thompson and then explained the role she will have as director of the new facility. This was her first day. Rosemary detailed how our committee will be important to the use of the room. Living Well will report directly to Lisa with ideas and hopes for the use of the room. Other committees will also follow the same protocol in seeking use of the building. Discussion on a book room and 'library' led to a suggestion of story time for kids, volunteer time slots and other ideas for the room, in addition to ping pong, cribbage, puzzles, etc. Lisa, through her experiences will also be able to share ideas and past experiences with the committee. Other ideas like a Senior and Kids program were entertained, Clearly from the discussion the surface of possibilities is only being scratched.

First Greeter:

There has been a notable lack of contact with new residents in town. Gay has spoken with Cheryl to understand why the drop in contact information that was typically provided her. The committee strongly supports the First Greeter and expressed the need to re-establish the routine that successfully launched First Greeter. Gay said she would send letters to new residents who may not have been given the opportunity to be formally introduced to the community. Gay said she would reach out to the Kress family. Donna suggested the idea of contacting the CEO assistant as well and Steve agreed to discuss this with Rosemary.

At the present time Gay has said the core group of First Greeters is sufficient at this time to manage First Greeter visits.

Kite Festival:

Steve reported on the kite festival. The \$2 cost charged for kite makers was accepted just fine. All 80 available kits were sold and kids had a blast being their own wind. New volunteers helped with needed areas of help. The historical society and fire department reported having done well. Gail Strattard with her face painting, the Gilligan boys with their rubber wrist bands and our now town official juggler "Jack" made the day complete. The one issue needing discussion was the absence of the radio controlled performers. Steve was encouraged to talk to Jim Knight for his advice since he is close to a few of the rc operators and to talk to Burt Dumond, the person who flies the aerial items. Peter Lindsay suggested mentioning the advertising we do as part of the conversation. The

committee did feel the addition of the RC component was positive. The drummer program was received well by the audience.

The committee agreed to purchase 100 kite kits for next year and to secure the Panfried Steel band. Steve will make this happen.

Celebration of Community:

Donna gave a run down of the activities of the day. Living Well will have a table in the lobby to share with another group and will provide refreshments in the Community Room

from 11 to 12. Steve, Gail Strattard and Ginny have committed to baking goodies. Beverages will be coffee, tea, cider and lemonade(Donna did not mention this). Peter will ask Anna and Mike if they would like to help in the Community Room.

People agreed to be available to help woman(as opposed to man?) the table for brief periods of time and to also be available to be a tour person should there be people requesting it.

Transportation:

Peter did mention the need another resident may have for transportation services. Peter will try to determine the extent of the need and report back. A resident who now receives routine transportation to a lunch sponsored by SMAA in Yarmouth was invited to the Cider Day. Steve and Donna drove her. Sally had a wonderful day, so she reports!

Baston Park:

Al informed the committee about the recent work Steve and Al have been doing regarding Baston Park. The report being written by Al and Steve to send to the Parks and Recreation Committee will be forwarded to committee members of Living Well. The purpose of the letter is to report on issues relevant to dredging and clearing underbrush to motivate Parks and Recreation to pursue improvements at the park. A Natural Resources Protection Act application is necessary to move the dredging part of the project. Steve and Al will attend the Nov 13th Parks and recreation meeting. Fingers crossed.

Traffic Calming:

Peter asked background information on how Living Well became associated with the traffic calming project. There was a brief discussion regarding the removal of the pots. questions were asked about the public meeting set for Nov 14 to openly discuss with the public the traffic calming project. A question was asked as to how the meeting will be organized and who will be facilitating it. The committee was hopeful Jim Tasse would be invited to be that person. Committee members were encouraged to review the speed data information being collected since the traffic calming project was installed.

Request for Input:

Steve asked committee folks their opinion about whether food vendors at the celebration program should be offering their food by donation or by a specific monetary amount. The recommendation by consensus was to have vendors make food available at a cost determined by each vendor. Steve will report his findings to the CoC at their next meeting.

Next Meeting: Nov 25, 1PM at the Community Room

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40.
Submitted by Steven Palmer