

Committee on Aging
Minutes
January 9, 2020

Present: Ted Trainer, chair; Susan Aubuchon, Linda Sentner, Judy Metcalf, Molly Hoadley, Danielle Bonney McPherson, Candice Simeoni, Karen Winton, Blake Baldwin (Select Board Liaison)

Guests: Mike Pardue, Chris Osterrieder, Ed Karytko, Wayne Berry, Tracey Moore

Excused: Martha Hess-Pomber, Alaina LeBlanc

Ted Trainer called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, November 14, 2019 were approved, as moved by Molly Hoadley and seconded by Judy Metcalf.

The sole subject of the meeting was to discuss the Medical Equipment Loan Closet. The Town staff reported that the project had been put on hiatus a couple of weeks earlier and Ted Trainer had been informed on January 7th. The reasons had to do with Town staff experience that the project was too burdensome and not sufficiently safe for the volunteers to manage it, especially since the Project temporarily had only one active volunteer. Several people mentioned that running service projects was not the prime purpose of the Committee. All agreed that the project was very successful, growing to a new level requiring sound management practices and more careful adherence to project policies.

The Committee was told that for the project to be re-started as a Town project, certain changes needed to be made: 1) the current venue for the equipment (KLPD) needed to be changed, 2) more volunteers needed to be recruited to manage the project and 3) adherence to policies and sound management practices needed to be addressed. The Committee was asked to consider its "philosophy" regarding the project.

The Committee discussed these issues and possible solutions. It then decided to call a special meeting on January 16th to decide if/how the Town's conditions can be met to sustain the MELC as a Town Project.

Linda Sentner, Temporary Secretary.